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Hercules Technology Growth Capital to Participate in the Wells Fargo Securities 2012 Specialty Finance Forum

PALO ALTO, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. (NYSE:HTGC), a leader in customized debt financing for entrepreneurial venture capital and private equity-backed companies in technology-related markets including cleantech and life science, announced today that Manuel A. Henriquez, co-founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Hercules, and Jessica Baron, chief financial officer, will present and participate in one-on-one investor meetings at the 2012 Wells Fargo Securities Specialty Finance Forum. The conference will be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York, with the presentation taking place at 9:00am ET on Wednesday, May 23, 2012. In addition to the company's presentation, Manuel Henriquez will also be participating in the business development company panel at 10:00am, the same day. Live and replay webcasts of the presentation can be accessed on the "Investor Relations" section of the Company's website, <http://investor.htgc.com/events.cfm>.

About Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.:

Hercules Technology Growth Capital (NYSE: HTGC), is a specialty finance firm providing customized loans to public and private technology-related companies, including clean technology, life science and select lower middle market technology companies at all stages of development. Since inception, Hercules has committed more than \$2.8 billion to over 200 companies and is the lender of choice for entrepreneurs, venture capital and private equity firms seeking ideal, customized growth capital financing at all stages of a company's development to accelerate business growth and reach the next critical milestone. Hercules common stock trades on the NYSE under the ticker symbol "HTGC". In addition, the Company's 7.00% Senior Notes due 2019 trade on the NYSE under the symbol "HTGZ".

Companies interested in learning more about financing opportunities should contact info@htgc.com, or call 650.289.3060.

Forward-Looking Statements:

The statements contained in this release that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements including, without limitation, the risks, uncertainties, including the uncertainties surrounding the current market turbulence, and other factors we identify from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Although we believe that the assumptions on which these forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, any of those assumptions could prove to be inaccurate and, as a result, the forward-looking statements based on those

assumptions also could be incorrect. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained in this release are made as of the date hereof, and Hercules assumes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements for subsequent events.

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