

Hercules Capital, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
January 05, 2017

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)**

**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 29, 2016**

**Hercules Capital, Inc.**

**(formerly known as Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.)**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Maryland**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
  
**of incorporation)**

**814-00702**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File No.)**

**74-3113410**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

**400 Hamilton Ave., Suite 310**

**Palo Alto, CA**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 289-3060**

**94301**

**(Zip Code)**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former name or address, if changed since last report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On December 29, 2016, the board of directors of Hercules Capital, Inc. (the Company ) approved an amendment and restatement of the Company s 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (the Amended and Restated Plan ). The Amended and Restated Plan now provides, in addition to the preexisting types of awards available for grant thereunder and among other things, (1) for the grant of restricted stock units; (2) for the deferral of the receipt of the shares of the Company s common stock underlying vested restricted stock units; (3) that grantees may receive up to 10% of the value of the tentative restricted stock unit grants proposed for any grantee in the form of an option to acquire shares of the Company s common stock; (4) that awards of restricted stock units may include performance vesting conditions; (5) that awards may require that all or a portion of the shares of the Company s common stock delivered in respect of any vested restricted stock unit award be subject to a specified post-delivery holding period; and (6) that restricted stock unit awards may accrue dividend equivalents in respect of the Company s common stock underlying any restricted stock unit award payable in the form of cash or additional shares of the Company s common stock to the extent, and in respect of, any vested restricted stock units. The foregoing description of the Amended and Restated Plan does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amended and Restated Plan, Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement, and Form of Performance Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement, copies of which are filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1, 10.2, and 10.3, respectively, and incorporated by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

- 10.1 Hercules Capital, Inc. Amended and Restated 2004 Equity Incentive Plan
- 10.2 Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement
- 10.3 Form of Performance Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HERCULES CAPITAL, INC.

January 5, 2017

By: /s/ Melanie Grace  
Melanie Grace

General Counsel

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description of Exhibits</b>
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