



Hercules Technology's Kathy Conte to be Featured Speaker at the 11th Annual C21 BioVentures Conference

Palo Alto, Calif., Mar. 31, 2009 – Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. (NASDAQ: HTGC), the leading specialty finance company providing venture debt and equity to venture capital and private equity backed technology and life science companies at all stages of development, today announced that Kathy Conte, managing director of life sciences, will be a featured speaker at the annual C21 BioVentures conference held in Napa, Calif. on April 7-9, 2009.

Ms. Conte is scheduled to participate in the "Structuring Financings So Everyone Wins," panel discussion during which she will provide her perspective on the importance of understanding all the financing options available in today's difficult market environment. In addition, the panel will discuss the need for life science companies to pursue a variety of avenues for capital raising including bridge, debt and structured financing programs. The panel is scheduled on April 9 from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. PDT.

"Life science companies are facing a number of new challenges in light of today's financial market. It is critical for companies to be aware of all the financing options available as capital raising has become increasingly difficult," said Ms. Conte, managing director of life sciences. "Hercules continues to be committed to creating a partnership with our portfolio companies to provide strategic growth capital."

The C21 BioVentures conference brings together senior executives from the biotechnology, pharmaceutical and venture capital communities. It is hosted by Technology Vision Group (TVG), one of the leading business development organizations based in Santa Cruz serving the international life sciences industry.

About Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.:

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