



## **Hercules Technology Growth Capital Continues to Expand Investment Team by Hiring Janice Bourque as Managing Director of Life Sciences Group**

*~ Company continues to grow and develop its origination team and position for further growth ~*

**Palo Alto, Calif., April 26, 2010** – 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 the appointment of Janice Bourque as Managing Director in the Life Sciences Group in Hercules' Boston office.

"In anticipation of continued growth in our portfolio and to support new investment originations in the second half of the year, we are actively making additions to our team of experienced investment professionals in each of Hercules' life sciences, technology, and lower middle market groups," said Manuel A. Henriquez, co-founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Hercules. "Janice will play an important role as we continue to expand our life science portfolio in both Boston MA., and Palo Alto, CA. Janice has a strong industry network and has demonstrated an ability to identify high quality life science companies for investments at the right time."

Ms. Bourque is a seasoned executive and has over 25 years of experience in financial services and life sciences. Most recently, Ms. Bourque served as an advisor to Commons Capital, an early stage venture capital fund. In this position, she provided strategic corporate investor fundraising knowledge and supported Commons Capital and Oxford Bioscience Partners' new joint venture, Commons Global Health Fund, which focuses on innovative healthcare investments for developing and emerging countries. Prior to that, Ms. Bourque was Senior Vice President and Group Head of East Coast Life Sciences at Comerica Bank where she managed the group responsible for providing debt financing to life sciences companies. From 1992 to 2004, Ms. Bourque worked at the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council (MBC), the oldest biotechnology trade association in the world, where she held several roles including President and CEO. From 1986 to 1992, Ms. Bourque served as Controller and CFO of Cambridge Medical Technologies and initially began her career as a senior accountant at Coopers & Lybrand. Ms. Bourque received a bachelor's degree and MBA from the University of New Hampshire.

**About Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.:**

Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. is a NASDAQ traded specialty finance company providing debt and equity growth capital to technology and life science companies at all stages of development. Founded in December 2003, the company primarily finances privately held companies backed by leading venture capital and private equity firms. Hercules invests in a broad range of ventures active in technology and life science industries and offers a full suite of growth capital products at all levels of the capital structure. The company is headquartered in Palo Alto, Calif. and has additional offices in the Boston, Boulder and Chicago areas. Providing capital to publicly-traded or privately-held companies backed by leading venture capital and private equity firms involves a high degree of credit risk and may result in potential losses of capital. For more information, please visit [www.htgc.com](http://www.htgc.com).

Companies interested in learning more about financing opportunities should contact [info@htgc.com](mailto:info@htgc.com), or call 650.289.3060.

**Forward-Looking Statements:**

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