



**Hercules Technology Growth Capital to Participate in the 2009
Financial Institutions Conference Hosted by RBC Capital
Markets in Boston, Massachusetts**

*Event marks the Company's second year participating in this exclusive,
invitation only conference*

Palo Alto, Calif., Sept. 14, 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 Manuel A. Henriquez, co-founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Hercules, and David M. Lund, Chief Financial Officer, will participate in the RBC Capital Markets Financial Institutions Conference at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston.

Mr. Henriquez and Mr. Lund will contribute their experience and expertise in a panel discussion on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, entitled "BDC – The Two Headed Monster: Capitalizing on Dislocation While Managing Risk." The panel is scheduled for 9:30 – 10:25 a.m. EST.

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.

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 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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