



Hercules Technology Growth Capital's Sam Bhaumik to Participate in ThinkEquity's 5th Annual Private Company & Venture Capital Summit

Palo Alto, Calif., May 4, 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 on May 12, 2009 Sam Bhaumik, senior managing director and group head of technology, will be a featured speaker at the ThinkTomorrow ~ Today summit in Half Moon Bay, Calif.

The panel is scheduled to begin at 2:50 pm PDT during which Mr. Bhaumik will participate in "Weathering the Storm: Financing Strategies & Alternatives in a Challenging Market" and provide his perspective on the challenges of securing growth capital that technology companies face today. In addition, he will highlight alternative strategies to overcome these challenges despite the difficult economic conditions.

"Access to strategic growth capital for technology companies is increasingly difficult, but there is capital available, if companies know the financing options," said Mr. Bhaumik. "In a difficult credit market such as we face today, it is very important that technology companies partner with capital providers, such as Hercules Technology Growth Capital, that have a solid capital base, deep understanding of the marketplace, and the ability to provide a variety of creative credit products and services."

ThinkTomorrow ~ Today brings together the leaders of the growth economy and the companies of tomorrow with leading growth strategists and technologists. Participants witness firsthand the state-of-the-art products and services that will shape the future. Additionally, presenting companies in media and technology sectors will outline the latest developments while industry luminaries debate the future of the growth economy.

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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