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**Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. Announces Public Offering of Common Stock**

**Palo Alto, Calif. January 19, 2012** Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. (NASDAQ: HTGC) ( Hercules ) announced today that it is offering 5,000,000 shares of common stock pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement in an underwritten public offering. Citigroup is acting as sole book-running manager in this offering and Hercules will grant the underwriter a 30-day option to purchase up to 750,000 additional shares.

The securities described above are being offered by Hercules pursuant to a shelf registration statement previously filed with and declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) on May 23, 2011. A preliminary prospectus supplement related to the offering has been filed with the SEC and is available on the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of the preliminary prospectus supplement relating to these securities may be obtained from Citigroup, Brooklyn Army Terminal, 140 58th Street, 8th Floor, Brooklyn, New York 11220 (telephone number: 1-800-831-9146).

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of, the shares in any state or other jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or other jurisdiction.

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

Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. is a Nasdaq traded specialty finance firm providing customized loans to public and private companies in the technology, clean technology, and life science industries, at all stages of development.

**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 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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