

Shah Parag
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Shah Parag

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

HERCULES TECHNOLOGY
GROWTH CAPITAL INC [HTGC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

03/17/2009

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)

Senior Managing Director

C/O HERCULES TECHNOLOGY
GROWTH CAPITAL, 31 ST.
JAMES AVE., SUITE 790

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BOSTON, MA 02116

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock \$0.001 par value | 03/17/2009 | | A | (A) or (D) | 45,000 (1) 106,251 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount of Number of Shares |
| Options to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 4.21 | 03/17/2009 | | A | 250,000 | (2) 03/17/2016 | Common Stock; \$0.001 par value 250,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Shah Parag
C/O HERCULES TECHNOLOGY GROWTH CAPITAL
31 ST. JAMES AVE., SUITE 790
BOSTON, MA 02116

Senior Managing Director

Signatures

/s/Scott Harvey, Attorney-in-Fact for Parag Shah

03/19/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Shares issued as a grant pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan and are subject to forfeiture restrictions of one-fourth lapsing on 3/17/2010, one-fourth lapsing on 3/17/2011, one-fourth lapsing on 3/17/2012 and one-fourth lapsing on 3/17/2013.

(2) One-third of the options vest on 03/17/2010 and two-thirds of the options vest prorata over the following twenty four months ending 03/17/2012.

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