

Hercules Capital, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
August 17, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)**

**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 17, 2016**

**Hercules Capital, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Maryland**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**  
  
**of incorporation)**

**814-00702**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File No.)**

**74-3113410**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

**400 Hamilton Ave., Suite 310**

**Palo Alto, CA**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**94301**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 289-3060**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former name or address, if changed since last report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On August 17, 2016, Hercules Capital, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that S&P reaffirmed its investment grade corporate rating of BBB-. The text of the press release is included as an exhibit to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d)Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated August 17, 2016.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HERCULES CAPITAL, INC.

August 17, 2016

By: /s/ Melanie Grace  
Melanie Grace  
General Counsel

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description of Exhibits</b>      |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press Release dated August 17, 2016 |