

Shah Parag  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 <u>(1)</u>	A	<u>(1)</u> 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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