

CHOW JOSEPH W  
Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CHOW JOSEPH W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O HERCULES TECHNOLOGY  
GROWTH CAPITAL, 400  
HAMILTON AVE., SUITE 310

(Street)

PALO ALTO, CA 94301

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HERCULES TECHNOLOGY  
GROWTH CAPITAL INC [HTGC]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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**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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (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	05/29/2008	^	A	5,000 (1) A \$ (1)	54,631	D	^
Common Stock \$0.001 par value	12/31/2008	^	P	285 (2) A \$ (2)	54,916	D	^

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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)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Options to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 10.39	05/29/2008	Â	A	15,000 Â	Â (3) 05/29/2018	Common Stock \$0.001 par value 15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHOW JOSEPH W C/O HERCULES TECHNOLOGY GROWTH CAPITAL 400 HAMILTON AVE., SUITE 310 PALO ALTO, CA 94301	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

/s/Scott Harvey, Attorney-in-fact for Joseph W. Chow  
Date: 02/11/2009

\_\_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 an automatic grant pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2006 Non-Employee Director Plan and are subject to forfeiture restrictions of 1/3 lapsing on 5/29/2009, 1/3 lapsing on 5/29/2010 and 1/3 lapsing on 5/29/2011.
- (2) Shares acquired through the Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) One third of the options vest on 5/29/2009, one third of the options vest on 5/29/2010 and the final one third of the options vest on 5/29/2011.

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