

HERCULES TECHNOLOGY GROWTH CAPITAL INC
Form 8-K
April 17, 2012

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): April 17, 2012

Hercules Technology Growth 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.)

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400 Hamilton Ave., Suite 310

Palo Alto, CA
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

94301
(Zip Code)

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):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On April 17, 2012, Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc. (the Company) and U.S. Bank, N.A. (the Trustee), entered into the First Supplemental Indenture (the First Supplemental Indenture) to the Indenture (the Indenture) between the Company and the Trustee, dated April 17, 2012, relating to the Company's issuance, offer and sale of \$43,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 7.00% senior notes due 2019 (the Notes). The sale of the Notes generated net proceeds, before expenses, of approximately \$41,710,000.

The Notes will mature on April 30, 2019 and may be redeemed in whole or in part at the Company's option at any time or from time to time on or after April 30, 2015, upon not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days written notice by mail prior to the date fixed for redemption thereof, at a redemption price of 100% of the outstanding principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest payments otherwise payable for the then-current quarterly interest period accrued to but not including the date fixed for redemption. The Notes bear interest at a rate of 7.00% per year payable quarterly on January 30, April 30, July 30 and October 30 of each year, commencing on July 30, 2012.

The Notes will be the Company's direct unsecured obligations and will rank: (i) *pari passu* with our other outstanding and future senior unsecured indebtedness, including without limitation, the \$75 million 6.00% Convertible Senior Notes due 2016 (the Convertible Senior Notes); (ii) senior to any of our future indebtedness that expressly provides it is subordinated to the Notes; (iii) effectively subordinated to all our existing and future secured indebtedness (including indebtedness that is initially unsecured to which we subsequently grant security), to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, including without limitation, borrowings under our credit facilities; (iv) structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other obligations of any of our subsidiaries, including without limitation, the indebtedness of Hercules Technology II, L.P. and Hercules Technology III, L.P. and borrowings under our revolving senior secured credit facility with Wells Fargo Capital Finance.

The Indenture, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture, contains certain covenants including covenants requiring the Company to comply with (regardless of whether it is subject to) the asset coverage requirements set forth in Section 18(a)(1)(A) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, to comply with the restrictions on dividends, distributions and purchase of capital stock set forth in Section 18(a)(1)(B) as modified by Section 61(a)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and to provide financial information to the holders of the Notes and the Trustee if the Company should no longer be subject to the reporting requirements under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These covenants are subject to important limitations and exceptions that are described in the Indenture, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture. The Indenture provides for customary events of default and further provides that the Trustee or the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes in a series may declare such Notes immediately due and payable upon the occurrence of any event of default after expiration of any applicable grace period.

The Notes were sold pursuant to an underwriting agreement dated April 11, 2012 among the Company and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, as representative of the several underwriters named in the underwriting agreement. The Company has granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to an additional \$6,450,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Notes to cover over-allotments, if any. The Notes were offered and sold pursuant to the Company's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-179431), the preliminary prospectus supplement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 2, 2012, and the prospectus supplement dated April 11, 2012, which contained the pricing terms and related information. The transaction closed on April 17, 2012.

The Company expects to invest the net proceeds from the offering of the Notes to fund investments in debt and equity securities in accordance with its investment objective and for other general corporate purposes.

The foregoing descriptions of the Indenture, the First Supplemental Indenture and the Notes do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the Indenture, the First Supplemental Indenture and the Notes, respectively, each filed as exhibits hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information set forth under Item 1.01 above with respect to the Notes is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03, insofar as it relates to the creation of a direct financial obligation.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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Exhibit

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- 4.1 Indenture, dated March 6, 2012 between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit (d)(7) of the Company's Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form N-2, File No. 333-179431, filed on April 17, 2012).
- 4.2 First Supplemental Indenture, dated April 17, 2012 between the Registrant and U.S. Bank, National Association (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit (d)(8) of the Company's Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form N-2, File No. 333-179431, filed on April 17, 2012).

- 4.3 Form of 7.00% Senior Notes due 2019 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit (d)(9) to the Company's Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form N-2, File No. 333-179431, filed on April 17, 2012).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 17, 2012

HERCULES TECHNOLOGY GROWTH CAPITAL, INC.

By: /s/ Scott Harvey
Scott Harvey

Secretary and Chief Legal Officer