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May 18, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A  
(RULE 14A-101)

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(A) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FILED BY THE REGISTRANT [ ]

FILED BY A PARTY OTHER THAN THE REGISTRANT [X]

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PRELIMINARY PROXY STATEMENT                |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> CONFIDENTIAL, FOR USE OF THE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEFINITIVE ADDITIONAL MATERIALS | COMMISSION ONLY (AS PERMITTED)                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOLICITING MATERIAL PURSUANT TO            | BY RULE 14A-6(E) (2)                                  |
| RULE 14A-12   |   |

HERCULES INCORPORATED

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(NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

INTERNATIONAL SPECIALTY PRODUCTS INC.

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(NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING PROXY STATEMENT, IF OTHER THAN THE REGISTRANT)

PAYMENT OF FILING FEE (CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX):

- NO FEE REQUIRED.
- FEE COMPUTED ON TABLE BELOW PER EXCHANGE ACT RULES 14A-6(I) (4) AND 0-11.

(1) TITLE OF EACH CLASS OF SECURITIES TO WHICH TRANSACTION APPLIES:  
NOT APPLICABLE

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(2) AGGREGATE NUMBER OF SECURITIES TO WHICH TRANSACTION APPLIES: NOT  
APPLICABLE.

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(3) PER UNIT PRICE OR OTHER UNDERLYING VALUE OF TRANSACTION  
COMPUTED PURSUANT TO EXCHANGE ACT RULE 0-11 (SET FORTH THE  
AMOUNT ON WHICH THE FILING FEE IS CALCULATED AND STATE HOW  
IT WAS DETERMINED): NOT APPLICABLE.

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(4) PROPOSED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE VALUE OF TRANSACTION: NOT APPLICABLE.

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(5) TOTAL FEE PAID: NOT APPLICABLE.  
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[ ] FEE PAID PREVIOUSLY WITH PRELIMINARY MATERIALS:

[ ] CHECK BOX IF ANY PART OF THE FEE IS OFFSET AS PROVIDED BY EXCHANGE ACT RULE 0-11(A) (2) AND IDENTIFY THE FILING FOR WHICH THE OFFSETTING FEE WAS PAID PREVIOUSLY. IDENTIFY THE PREVIOUS FILING BY REGISTRATION STATEMENT NUMBER, OR THE FORM OR SCHEDULE AND THE DATE OF ITS FILING.

(1) AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY PAID: NOT APPLICABLE.

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(2) FORM, SCHEDULE OR REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO.: NOT APPLICABLE.  
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(3) FILING PARTY: NOT APPLICABLE.  
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(4) DATE FILED: NOT APPLICABLE.  
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INTERNATIONAL SPECIALTY PRODUCTS

IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION

The Annual Meeting of Hercules Incorporated (NYSE - HPC) will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in Wilmington, Delaware.

As a result of a director-election Bylaw, as interpreted by Hercules, which we believe to be unique in corporate America, the ISP nominees must receive the vote of a majority of the outstanding shares to be elected. Accordingly, a vote not cast is the equivalent of a vote for the Hercules nominees. THEREFORE, YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT.

To ensure that your vote will be counted, we encourage you to forward your proxy or give voting instructions to ADP prior to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23rd. This will allow sufficient time for your vote to be processed. While voting will continue until the polls close on May 24th, we cannot guarantee that last minute votes will be processed in time for the Annual Meeting.

Should you have any questions, or need assistance in voting your shares on ISP's BLUE proxy card, please call:

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