

Hercules Capital, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
February 23, 2017

**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): February 23, 2017**

**Hercules Capital, Inc.**

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

**Maryland**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**400 Hamilton Ave., Suite 310**

**814-00702**  
**(Commission**

**File No.)**

**74-3113410**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**94301**

**Palo Alto, CA**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(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 2.02**

On February 23, 2017, Hercules Capital, Inc. issued a press release announcing its earnings for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2016 and that it had declared a dividend. The text of the press release is included as an exhibit to this Form 8-K.

This information disclosed under this Item 2.02 including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made under the Securities Act of 1933, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated February 23, 2017

**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.

February 23, 2017

By: /s/ Melanie Grace  
Melanie Grace

General Counsel

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                    |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press Release dated February 23, 2017 |