

HERCULES INC  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 2005

**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): **October 14, 2005**

**Hercules Incorporated**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-00496**  
(Commission File Number)

**51-0023450**  
(IRS Employer Identification Number)

**Hercules Plaza**

**1313 North Market Street**

**Wilmington, Delaware 19894-0001**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(302) 594-5000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Item 5.02(c) DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS**

On October 14, 2005, Hercules Incorporated ( Hercules ) announced that effective immediately, Dr. D. Charles Herak, 42, has been appointed Acting President of Hercules Aqualon Division ( Aqualon ) reporting to Hercules President and Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Herak is currently the Global Business Director for Aqualon's carboxymethylcellulose ( CMC ) business, a position he has held since October 2003. Previously, Dr. Herak was the Regional Sales Manager for Aqualon Asia Pacific from June 1998 to October 2003. Dr. Herak joined Hercules in 1989 as a research engineer and has held positions of increasing responsibility within Aqualon. Dr. Herak holds a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

As previously announced, a global search (including internal and external candidates) is underway for a new President of Aqualon.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**DATE: October 17, 2005**

**By: HERCULES INCORPORATED**





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/s/ Craig A. Rogerson  
Craig A. Rogerson  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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