HERCULES INC

Form 4

November 17, 2008

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LIPTON JEFFREY M

(First)

(Stata)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Middle)

HERCULES INC [HPC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner _ Other (specify

1313 N. MARKET STREET

11/13/2008

(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

WILMINGTON, DE 19894

(City)	(State)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/13/2008		D	45,454	D	<u>(1)</u>	24,056	D	
Common Stock (RSUs)	11/13/2008		D	24,056	D	\$ 20.55	0	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acqu (A) o Dispo	rities nired or osed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 8.52	11/13/2008		D		3,000	11/05/2002	11/05/2011	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options	\$ 9.49	11/13/2008		D		3,000	11/05/2003	11/05/2012	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options	\$ 10.09	11/13/2008		D		3,000	11/04/2004	11/04/2013	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options	\$ 14.25	11/13/2008		D		3,000	11/14/2005	11/12/2014	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options	\$ 10.82	11/13/2008		D		3,000	11/07/2006	11/07/2015	Commonn Stock	3,000
Stock Options	\$ 17.81	11/13/2008		D		3,000	10/26/2007	10/26/2016	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Options	\$ 19.45	11/13/2008		D		3,000	10/29/2008	10/30/2017	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LIPTON JEFFREY M							
1313 N. MARKET STREET	X						
WILMINGTON, DE 19894							

**Signature of Reporting Person

Signatures

/s/ Israel J. Floyd, Acting as Attorney in Fact for Jeffrey M.
Lipton 11/17/2008

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Date

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- * 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).
- Disposed of pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 10, 2008, among Ashland Inc. ("Ashland"), Ashland Sub
 One, Inc. and Hercules Incorporated ("Hercules") in exchange for \$18.60 in cash per share of Hercules common stock, 0.0930 of a share of Ashland common stock, having a market value of \$1.6647 per share on the effective date of the merger, per share of Hercules common stock and cash in lieu of fractional shares of Ashland common stock.

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