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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON D.C. 20549

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[The following material was mailed to Hercules shareholders on June 11, 2003:]

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HERCULES' BOARD OF DIRECTORS' PROXY CARD WILL BE  
GOLD THIS YEAR.  
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WE URGE YOU NOT TO SIGN OR RETURN ANY OF SAM  
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HEYMAN'S AND HIS HERCULES SHAREHOLDERS'  
COMMITTEE FOR NEW MANAGEMENT WHITE CARDS UNTIL  
YOU HAVE REVIEWED HERCULES' PROXY MATERIALS.

WE EXPECT TO MAIL OUR PROXY MATERIALS, INCLUDING  
THE GOLD PROXY CARD, WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.  
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Hercules filed a preliminary proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 3, 2003, as amended on June 10, 2003, in connection with its 2003 annual meeting of shareholders. Information regarding the identity of the persons who may, under SEC rules, be deemed to be participants in the solicitation by Hercules of its shareholders for the 2003 annual meeting, and the participants' interests in the solicitation, are set forth in the preliminary proxy statement. Hercules will be filing a definitive proxy statement and other relevant documents. WE URGE INVESTORS TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT HERCULES WILL FILE WITH THE SEC BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Security holders will be able to obtain a free copy of the proxy statement and other related documents filed by Hercules at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). When available, the definitive proxy statement and other related documents may also be obtained from Hercules free of charge by contacting Helen Calhoun, Hercules Incorporated, Hercules Plaza, 1313 North Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19894-0001, tel. (302) 594-5129.

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[William H. Joyce, Hercules Incorporated Letterhead]

June 10, 2003

Dear Shareholder,

We have filed our preliminary proxy statement with the SEC and wanted you to have a copy. We expect to mail our definitive proxy statement, together with our gold proxy card, by month end. As stated in the preliminary proxy statement, we will hold our annual meeting on Friday, July 25, 2003.

Also, enclosed is a letter that highlights a key difference between reality and Sam Heyman's rhetoric. I ask that you consider the facts as we proceed through this proxy contest. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or Allen Spizzo at (302) 594-6491.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

/s/ William H. Joyce

William H. Joyce  
Chairman and CEO

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