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

SCHEDULE 14D-9
SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(D) (4)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

HERCULES INCORPORATED

(Name of Subject Company)

HERCULES INCORPORATED

(Names of Persons Filing Statement)

Common Stock, without par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

427056 10 6

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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ITEM 9. EXHIBITS.

Exhibit No. Description

(a) (5) (A) Press Release issued by Hercules Incorporated on July 14, 2003.

Hercules shareholders are advised to read Hercules' solicitation/recommendation statement, if and when it becomes available, regarding the tender offer referred to in the attached press release, because it will contain important information. Free copies of the solicitation/recommendation statement, if and when it is

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filed by Hercules with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and other documents filed by Hercules with the SEC will be available at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov, and will also be available, without charge, by directing requests to Helen Calhoun, Hercules Incorporated, 1313 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19894-0001, or contacting her at (302) 594-5129.