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NEW YORK, NY, JULY 24, 2003 - In response to the Gabelli announcement this morning with respect to Hercules Incorporated (NYSE: HPC), The Hercules Shareholders' Committee for New Management released the following statement:

"We very much appreciate Mr. Gabelli's support for two of our nominees and his endorsement of a number of our positions. Unfortunately, his "splitting of the baby" solution -- a split Board with a swing director -- can never be, as King Solomon demonstrated, the right answer. We strongly believe that a deadlocked Board would be detrimental to the interests of the Company and its shareholders, and should this remain Mr. Gabelli's final position, our Committee's nominees intend to step aside at or prior to the commencement of tomorrow's Annual Meeting."