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February 21, 2001

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

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SCHEDULE TO

(RULE 14D-100)

TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(D) (1) OR 13(E) (1)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

HERCULES INCORPORATED

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(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

ISP ACQUISITION CORP. (OFFEROR)  
a wholly owned subsidiary of

INTERNATIONAL SPECIALTY PRODUCTS INC.

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(Names of Filing Persons  
(Identifying Status as Offeror, Issuer or Other Person))

Common Stock, \$25/48 stated value per  
share, together with associated Rights  
to Purchase Fractional Units of  
Preferred Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

427056106

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(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications on Behalf of Filing Persons)

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International Specialty Products Inc., a Delaware corporation ("ISP"),

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is withdrawing its October 11, 2000 proposal to commence a tender offer for 25 million shares of common stock, \$25/48 stated value per share, of Hercules Incorporated, a Delaware corporation ("Hercules"). ISP's proposal was conditioned on the Board of Directors of Hercules agreeing to exempt the tender offer from Hercules' "poison pill" and approve ISP's purchase of shares for purposes of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. In light of the failure of Hercules' Board of Directors to respond to ISP's repeated requests, on October 11, 2000, January 23, 2001 and February 7, 2001, that Hercules eliminate or revise its poison pill to enable ISP to promptly proceed with its proposed tender offer, ISP has determined to withdraw its proposal.

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