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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A  
(RULE 14A-101)

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(A) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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| RULE 14A-12   |   |

HERCULES INCORPORATED

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(NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

INTERNATIONAL SPECIALTY PRODUCTS INC.

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(NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING PROXY STATEMENT, IF OTHER THAN THE REGISTRANT)

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THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2001  
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ISP NOMINEES FOR HERCULES BOARD "DISAPPOINTED"

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BY COMPANY'S REPORT TODAY  
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WAYNE, NJ---A spokesperson for International Special Products Inc.'s  
(NYSE: ISP) nominees for the Hercules Board commented today that the nominees  
"are disappointed by the continued lack of any concrete progress with regard to  
the Company's `sale process.'" ISP's four Director-nominees are up for election  
by stockholders at the upcoming Annual Meeting of Hercules Incorporated (NYSE:  
HPC) to be held at 10 a.m. next Thursday, May 24th at the Hercules Country Club,  
500 Hercules Road, in Wilmington.

The spokesperson said, "We are disappointed by the continued lack of  
any concrete progress with regard to the Company's `sale process' as reflected  
in the report provided by Hercules' executives in their conference call this  
morning. Should Hercules stockholders elect our nominees to the Board next week,  
we look forward to working with the other Hercules Directors in a constructive  
fashion to move the process forward expeditiously in the best interest of all  
stockholders."

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International Specialty Products is a leading multinational  
manufacturer of specialty chemicals and mineral products.

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