



Firsthand Technology Value Fund More Than Doubles Facebook Holdings

San Jose, CA, March 12, 2012 – Firsthand Technology Value Fund, Inc. (NASDAQ: SVVC) announced that it has completed the purchase of an additional 330,000 shares of Facebook, Inc. The transaction, which was initiated in January 2012 and closed late last week, more than doubles the size of the fund's largest holding. The fund currently holds 530,000 shares of the social networking company.

As of December 31, 2011, total net assets of the fund were approximately \$84 million. Complete financial statements and a detailed schedule of investments will be made available with the fund's annual report filing on Form 10-K in March 2012.

About Firsthand Technology Value Fund

Firsthand Technology Value Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") is a publicly-traded venture capital fund that invests in technology and cleantech companies. More information about the Fund and its holdings can be found online at www.firsthandtvf.com.

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The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end investment company that elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Fund's investment objective is to seek long-term growth of capital. Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its total assets for investment purposes in technology and cleantech companies.

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