



Firsthand Technology Value Fund Portfolio Company Mattson to be Acquired for \$3.80 Per Share

San Jose, CA, December 2, 2015 – Firsthand Technology Value Fund, Inc. (NASDAQ: SVVC) (the “Fund”), a publicly traded venture capital fund that invests in technology and cleantech companies, announced today that Mattson Technology, Inc. (“Mattson”) has agreed to be acquired by Beijing E-Town Dragon Semiconductor Industry Investment Center (“E-Town Dragon”).

Under the terms of the definitive merger agreement that was announced late yesterday, E-Town Dragon will acquire all of the outstanding shares of Mattson for \$3.80 per share in cash. The transaction is subject to approval by Mattson’s stockholders, and is expected to close in the first calendar quarter of 2016.

Mattson (NASDAQ: MTSN) is a micro-cap company in the semiconductor manufacturing equipment industry and has been a holding of the Fund since 2013. As of November 30, 2015, the Fund held 3,280,000 shares of Mattson common stock. The acquisition price of \$3.80 per share, if realized, would represent a 51.3% gain for the Fund on its investment in Mattson.

About Firsthand Technology Value Fund

Firsthand Technology Value Fund, Inc. 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. An investment in the Fund involves substantial risks, some of which are highlighted below. Please see the Fund's public filings for more information about fees, expenses and risk. Past investment results do not provide any assurances about future results.

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