



Firsthand Technology Value Fund Discloses Top Portfolio Holdings

San Jose, CA, May 12, 2017 – Firsthand Technology Value Fund, Inc. (NASDAQ: SVVC) (the “Fund”), a publicly traded venture capital fund that invests in technology and cleantech companies, disclosed today that its top five holdings as of April 30, 2017, were IntraOp Medical, Pivotal Systems, QMAT, Wrightspeed, and Hightail.

- 1. IntraOp Medical Corp.** is the manufacturer of the Mobetron, a medical device that is used to deliver intra-operative radiation to cancer patients. As of April 30, 2017, the Fund’s investment in IntraOp consisted of 26,856,187 shares of preferred stock plus debt securities and represented approximately 20.2% of the Fund’s estimated net assets.*
- 2. Pivotal Systems Corp.** provides monitoring and process control technologies for the semiconductor manufacturing industry. As of April 30, 2017, the Fund’s investment in Pivotal consisted of 33,508,691 shares of preferred stock plus warrants to purchase additional shares and represented approximately 17.1% of the Fund’s estimated net assets.*
- 3. QMAT, Inc.** is developing advanced materials technologies for applications in the electronics industry. As of April 30, 2017, the Fund’s investment in QMAT consisted of 18,000,240 shares of preferred stock plus debt securities and warrants to purchase additional shares, and represented approximately 9.7% of the Fund’s estimated net assets.*
- 4. Wrightspeed, Inc.** is a supplier of electric drivetrains for medium-duty trucks. As of April 30, 2017, the Fund’s investment in Wrightspeed consisted of 3,819,451 shares of preferred stock plus debt securities, and represented approximately 7.3% of the Fund’s estimated net assets.*

5. **Hightail, Inc.** is a provider of cloud-based collaboration software for creative professionals. As of April 30, 2017, the Fund's investment in Hightail consisted of 2,268,602 shares of preferred stock and represented approximately 5.9% of the Fund's estimated net assets.*

The Fund also announced that, as of April 30, 2017, estimated net assets of the Fund were approximately \$146 million, or \$19.67 per share, including cash of approximately \$0.20 per share. As of that date, the Fund's top five holdings constituted 60.1% of the Fund's estimated net assets.* Complete financial statements and a detailed schedule of investments as of March 31, 2017, are available in the Fund's quarterly report filing on Form 10-Q.

*Estimated net assets as of April 30, 2017, represent net assets of approximately \$149 million as of March 31, 2017, plus the net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation and realized gains/losses on publicly traded and private securities since March 31, 2017. For the purposes of calculating the percentage of net assets represented by each investment, the value of each holding is determined by the most recent of: (1) the purchase price, (2) the market value for public securities, less any discounts taken due to restrictions on the stock, or (3) the March 31, 2017, fair value of each security, as determined under procedures approved by our Board of Directors.

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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