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Rand Capital Announces Second Quarter Net Asset Value of \$3.35 and Two Follow-on Investments

- **Net Asset Value \$3.35 per share, unchanged from prior quarter**
- **Rand participates in follow-on investments in *Chequed.com* and *Liazon Corporation***
- **Rand has \$10.8 million cash on hand**

BUFFALO, N.Y., Aug. 4, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Rand Capital Corporation (Nasdaq:RAND) ("Rand"), a business development company (BDC) that provides capital and managerial expertise for small to medium-sized private companies, announced its financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2011, highlighting a continued strong cash position of \$10.8 million representing 47% of the fund's \$22.9 million in net assets. The investment firm also reported an ending net asset value of \$3.35 per share for the quarter, unchanged from March 31, 2011. At the end of the second quarter, Rand's total investment portfolio was valued at \$20.1 million, which exceeds its cost basis of \$12.1 million, reflecting \$8.0 million in net unrealized appreciation.

Allen F. Grum, President of Rand Capital, stated, "While overall the quarter has been quiet in regards to net asset value changes, we continue to see strong growth in portfolio company financial and sales performance.

"With sixteen portfolio companies in a diversified cross section of industries we are seeing growth in all areas. **Gemcor II, LLC** (West Seneca, NY) (www.gemcor.com) is benefiting from increased commercial plane orders, **Synacor, Inc.** (Buffalo, NY) (www.synacor.com) is benefiting from the growth of its TV Everywhere technology, and **Carolina Skiff LLC** (Waycross, GA) (www.carolinaskiff.com) is benefiting from increased boat sales. We believe this is the beginning of a trend, and is a good sign for the Rand portfolio in the future."

Portfolio Activities

During the quarter:

- Rand made a \$250,000 follow-on investment in **Chequed.com, Inc.** (Saratoga Springs, NY) (www.chequed.com) in the form of a convertible note financing of the business. **Chequed.com** has created selection tools that help human resource departments connect employee screening practices to business results, developed in partnership with The Research Foundation of The State University of New York and The University at Albany's Department of Psychology.
- Rand's \$500,000 **Liazon Corporation** (Buffalo, NY) (www.liazon.com) Note was repaid. \$820,000 was reinvested into Series C-2 preferred stock in a financing round

led by Bain Capital Investors (Boston, MA). **Liazon** is an employee benefits solution company who has developed and pioneered their proprietary Bright Choices Portal™, an online benefits store where employees shop for their benefits with money allocated to them by their employer.

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