

Rand Capital Announces Net Asset Value of \$4.35, One New Investment, Two Follow-On Investments and Election of Directors

BUFFALO, NY -- (Marketwired) -- 04/30/14 -- Rand Capital Corporation ("Rand") (NASDAQ: RAND)

- **Net Asset Value is \$4.35 per share, (\$.03) or < 1% decrease from prior quarter**
- **Notable investments during the quarter included \$270,000 in a new investment in CrowdBouncer, LLC and \$198,388 in follow-on investments in two portfolio companies**
- **Total assets of \$37 million**
- **Election of Directors**

Rand Capital Corporation ("Rand") (NASDAQ: RAND) announced its March 31, 2014 net asset value of \$27.9 million, or \$4.35 per share, representing a \$.03 per share decrease from December 31, 2013, and a \$.48 per share increase from March 31, 2013.

Portfolio activity during the first quarter of 2014 included:

- **CrowdBouncer, LLC.** (Buffalo, NY) (www.crowdbouncer.com) -- Preferred equity investment of \$270,000. **CrowdBouncer** is a Platform-as-a-Service (PasS) solution for JOBS Act compliance and back-end transaction processing for broker-dealers, equity crowdfunding portals and other financial institutions.
- **GiveGab, Inc.** (Ithaca, NY) (www.givegab.com) -- \$153,388 follow-on investment in additional shares of Series A Preferred stock. **GiveGab** is a social network dedicated to helping volunteers and nonprofit organizations interact on a local level in their communities.
- **Knoa Software, Inc.** (New York, NY) (www.knoa.com) -- \$45,000 follow-on debt investment. **Knoa** software monitors, measures and manages how end-users are utilizing enterprise software applications, improving software performance and its users' experiences.

Allen F. Grum, President of Rand Capital, stated, "Our portfolio continues to strengthen and I am pleased with the underlying business growth of our portfolio companies. I look forward to sharing the results when they are monetized."

Daniel P. Penberthy, Rand's Executive Vice President, stated, "Rand's investment portfolio represents many different industries and stages of business development. From

companies like **Gemcor II, LLC**, (www.gemcor.com) that are shipping their aircraft riveting systems to aerospace manufacturers worldwide, to early stage investments such as **CrowdBouncer** and **GiveGab** that are establishing themselves as leaders in new and developing markets. All of these companies are led by visionary CEOs who 'look at things differently' and we believe will lead their respective businesses to great things."

Election of Directors

At Rand's 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders the following Directors were elected: **Allen F. Grum, Erland E. Kailbourne, Ross B. Kenzie, Reginald B. Newman, II, Jayne K. Rand** and **Robert M. Zak**. Rand's Board of Directors also re-appointed **Mr. Newman** as Chairman of the Board.

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