

Rand Capital Continues Portfolio Transition with Successful Exit of Position in Centivo

To recognize approximate \$1.6 million gain in third quarter 2021

BUFFALO, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Rand Capital Corporation (Nasdaq: RAND) ("Rand"), a business development company ("BDC"), announced today that it sold all of its equity holdings in Centivo Corporation for gross proceeds of approximately \$2.4 million. Centivo was held at a fair value of \$1.4 million and represented 2.4% of Rand's net assets, each at June 30, 2021.

With the exit, Rand expects to record a gain of approximately \$1.6 million in the third quarter of 2021.

Mr. Allen F. "Pete" Grum, President and CEO of Rand Capital, noted, "Consistent with our plan, we continue to exit our equity investments and use the proceeds to invest in interest earning assets to increase net investment income. We were part of the original investors in Ashok Subramanian and his company Centivo and had previously backed the management team with our investments in Liazon. After investing in three rounds of equity, we took the opportunity to exit the company and wish the Centivo team continued success as they deliver on their vision of a Health Plan people can actually afford to use."

ABOUT RAND CAPITAL

Rand Capital (Nasdaq: RAND) is an externally-managed Business Development Company (BDC) with a wholly-owned subsidiary licensed by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as a Small Business Investment Company (SBIC). The Company's investment objective is to maximize total return to its shareholders with current income and capital appreciation by focusing its debt and related equity investments in privately-held, lower middle market companies with committed and experienced managements in a broad variety of industries. Rand invests in early to later stage businesses that have sustainable, differentiated and market-proven products, revenue of more than \$2 million and a path to free cash flow or are already generating up to \$5 million in EBITDA. The Company's investment activities are managed by its external investment adviser, Rand Capital Management, LLC. Additional information can be found at the Company's website where it regularly posts information: https://www.randcapital.com/.

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