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SVB ANALYTICS RELEASES VENTURE CAPITAL FUNDING RESEARCH

Data Reveals Bubble-Era, Late-Stage Technology Companies Continue to Receive New Funding

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — December 5, 2007 — SVB Analytics, a leading provider of valuation and corporate equity management services, released Volume 2 of its research series today that analyzes the value drivers in the world of private equity and venture capital. The research is based on examinations of valuation data for thousands of venture-backed technology and life science companies. The latest report takes an in-depth look at the explosion of late-stage technology investing, identifying the funding recipients and the impact they are having on their investors' portfolios.

Contrary to the belief that the bulk of private technology companies left over from the boom are on the verge of fizzling out, the research reveals that companies conceived during the 2000 bubble-era comprise one-third of all private technology companies today, and the bulk of them — 70 percent — have received fresh funding within the last three years. A large percentage of those companies are playing a significant role in investment portfolios and dominating technology merger and acquisition activity, according to the report.

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"It's not unheard of for successful technology companies to go through five, six or even seven rounds of venture funding today," said Jim Anderson, president of SVB Analytics. "What no one really expected was that so many of these companies were born during the bubble and are significantly impacting today's venture portfolios. Popular opinion says the bubble burst and everything imploded, but our data reveals that's not the whole story."

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SVB Analytics was formed to respond to clients' demand for assistance with analytical tasks resulting from new tax regulations and accounting standards. As part of this effort SVB Analytics helps companies comply with the exigencies of IRS Code Section 409A, which requires a formal valuation opinion for private companies every 12 months.

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