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Capital Southwest Corporation Announces 3/31/2013 Net Asset Value

DALLAS, April 29, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Capital Southwest Corporation (Nasdaq:[CSWC](#)) today reported total net assets at March 31, 2013 of \$659,776,933 equivalent to \$173.20 per share. Comparative data is summarized below:

	March 31, 2013	December 31, 2012	March 31, 2012
Net assets	\$659,776,933	\$628,089,815	\$628,707,006
Shares outstanding	3,809,316	3,798,393	3,754,538
Net assets per share	\$173.20	\$165.36	\$167.45

During the twelve months ended March 31, 2013, net assets increased \$31,069,927. This increase is primarily related to improved earnings and multiple acquisitions by our restricted holdings, which are offset by the elimination of unrealized appreciation due to the sale of 2,774,250 shares of common stock of Encore Wire, Inc. and the sale of 9,317,310 shares of common stock of Heelys, Inc. The total unrealized gains included in earnings that relate to assets still held at March 31, 2013 are \$120,777,969

Assuming reinvestment of all dividends and tax credits on retained long-term capital gains, the March 31, 2013 net asset value was 27.0% greater than the March 31, 2012 net asset value of \$167.45 per share and 7.2% above the December 31, 2012 net asset value of \$165.36 per share. It is important to note that during the twelve months ended March 31, 2013, we distributed \$77,300,714 or \$20.34 per share of capital gains dividends and \$3,025,032 or \$0.80 per share in ordinary dividends to our shareholders. The assumed reinvestment of the capital gains distribution has positively impacted the rate of return.

About Capital Southwest Corporation

Since Capital Southwest was formed in 1961, we have always sought to invest in companies with strong management teams and sound financial performance. As a public company, we are fortunate to have the flexibility to hold investments indefinitely. It is our dedication to this patient investment strategy that enables our portfolio companies to achieve their full potential. Visit our website www.capitalsouthwest.com to learn about our investment criteria and how our capital can accelerate your company's growth.

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