



RFMD(R) Introduces Single-Placement RF Front Ends

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BARCELONA, Spain, Feb 17, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- RF Micro Devices, Inc. (Nasdaq: RFMD), a global leader in the design and manufacture of high-performance radio frequency components and compound semiconductor technologies, today introduced the RF7178 - the cellular industry's first front end module to integrate a quad-band, class 12-compliant GSM/GPRS power amplifier, a pHEMT antenna switch and receive SAW filters.

The RF7178 offers full quad-band transmit performance (GSM850/EGSM900/DCS1800/PCS1900) and four dedicated receive ports in a compact single-placement package. Both the transmit and receive paths are performance optimized to deliver a low-loss, high efficiency front end solution without requiring additional matching components.

Also today, RFMD introduced the RF7177, a dual-band (EGSM900/DCS1800) front end module that is pin-to-pin compatible with the RF7178 and features a similar feature set integrating the pHEMT antenna switch and SAW filters. When combined, RFMD's RF7178 and RF7177 provide a scalable platform solution for handset manufacturers seeking advanced levels of integration, streamlined inventory management and minimal deployment of valuable RF design resources.

Compared to traditional discrete implementations, the RF7178 and RF7177 each eliminate approximately ten component placements, thereby reducing assembly costs, improving line yields and lowering the costs associated with purchasing and managing inventory. Additionally, by allowing the use of common printed circuit boards (PCBs) across handset models, the RF7178 and RF7177 reduce handset manufacturers' inventory costs and enable configurable end-products based upon regional and/or customer-specific requirements.

RFMD offers the mobile device industry's broadest and most innovative portfolio of radio frequency components, including cellular power amplifier modules, cellular transmit modules, cellular switch and filter modules, and front ends for Wi-Fi, WiMAX and GPS applications. RFMD's product portfolio is on display at the 2010 Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, Spain, February 15 to February 18.

Availability and Pricing

The RF7178 is production released and samples are currently available. The RF7177 is scheduled for production release in the June 2010 quarter. For more information or product pricing, please contact your local RFMD sales representative or visit www.rfmd.com/purchase.

About RFMD

RF Micro Devices, Inc. (Nasdaq: RFMD) is a global leader in the design and manufacture of high-performance radio frequency components and compound semiconductor technologies. RFMD's products enable worldwide mobility, provide enhanced connectivity and support advanced functionality in the cellular handset, wireless infrastructure, wireless local area network (WLAN), CATV/broadband and aerospace and defense markets. RFMD is recognized for its diverse portfolio of semiconductor technologies and RF systems expertise and is a preferred supplier to the world's leading mobile device, customer premises and communications equipment providers.

Headquartered in Greensboro, N.C., RFMD is an ISO 9001- and ISO 14001-certified manufacturer with worldwide engineering, design, sales and service facilities. RFMD is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol RFMD. For more information, please visit RFMD's web site at www.rfmd.com.

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