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RFMD'S High-Performance CATV Amplifiers Receive "Product of the Year" Awards

Multiple Awards From Cable Spotlight Recognize RFMD's Product and Technology Leadership

GREENSBORO, N.C., Aug. 8, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- RF Micro Devices, Inc. (Nasdaq:RFMD), a global leader in the design and manufacture of high-performance radio frequency components and compound semiconductor technologies, announced today that it received "Product of the Year" Awards from *Cable Spotlight* for three of its broadband cable television (CATV) products. The award winning products -- the RFAM2790 integrated EDGE QAM amplifier, the RFCM2680 GaAs/GaN power doubler and the RFPP2870 push-pull amplifier -- highlight RFMD's product and technology leadership and the Company's ability to improve performance and enhance functionality of global CATV access networks.

Driven by explosive consumer demand for digital content, operators of multi-system networks are seeking more bandwidth, higher output, and lower distortion, while also requiring lower power consumption to reduce operating expenses. RFMD's award-winning CATV products leverage the Company's advanced compound semiconductor technologies, high-volume module assembly and industry-leading manufacturing scale to enable measurable improvements in efficiency, size, and performance.

Norm Hilgendorf, president of RFMD's Multi-Market Products Group, said, "RFMD's best-in-class CATV transmission products are optimized to satisfy the industry's ever-increasing requirements for bandwidth and signal purity. We are honored to be recognized by *Cable Spotlight* for our CATV amplifiers, and we look forward to introducing additional devices that feature superior power density, high power efficiency, and rugged dependability."

"RFMD has proven its dedication to quality and excellence while addressing real needs in the marketplace. I am pleased to grant a 2011 Product of the Year Award for RFAM2790, RFCM2680, and RFPP2870," said Rich Tehrani, CEO, TMC. "RFMD's commitment to the advancement of the cable technology industry is commendable and I am looking forward to more innovation in the future."

Cable Spotlight is a leading cable technology website. Their Third Annual Cable Spotlight Product of the Year Awards highlight innovative cable technology products brought to market in 2011.

Product Information:

- RFAM2790. The RFAM2790 functions as an Edge QAM amplifier or a push-pull amplifier with +46dBmV output power. Its inner-stage attenuator provides 8-28dB gain range and it features power-down functionality for power save mode. The part meets DOCSIS 3.0 specifications with 7dB margin.
- RFCM2680. The RFCM2680 is the world's first GaN-based surface mount power doubler. Capable of delivering +61dBmV output power, the RFCM2680 consumes 20% less current for the same linearity performance, compared to GaAs technology. The RFCM2680's surface mount package allows up to 50% savings in board area over industry-standard SOT115J packages.
- RFPP2870. The RFPP2870 is a GaN-based push-pull amplifier featuring high gain 28dB (minimum at 1003MHz) and excellent linearity at low distortion levels. It is available in an industry-standard SOT115J package.

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