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RFMD's GaN CATV Hybrids Win Platinum Awards From Communications Technology Magazine

GREENSBORO, N.C., Dec. 1, 2011 (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, today announced it has been honored with two Platinum Awards from *Communications Technology* magazine, a leading engineering publication in the CATV industry and the official trade journal of the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers (SCTE). The awards will be presented formally by *Communications Technology* magazine on December 8, 2011 during an awards ceremony held in New York City.

Platinum Awards from *Communications Technology* magazine recognize the broadband industry's most innovative hardware, software, service, and marketing initiatives, as judged by a panel of industry experts. RFMD's GaN CATV hybrids received dual honors in the categories of Energy-Savings ("Green") Technology and RF/HFC Technology.

Alastair Upton, general manager of RFMD's Broadband Components Business Unit, said, "RFMD is honored to receive these two prestigious awards recognizing our GaN CATV hybrid devices. We believe our GaN CATV hybrids help our customers to maximize RF performance in cable networks while also minimizing energy consumption — two very important priorities in the broadband industry."

RFMD offers the industry's broadest range of CATV products, including packaged amplifiers, MMICs, modules, frequency modulation components, and passive components. RFMD's industry-leading GaN technology delivers superior performance versus competing GaAs and silicon power technologies, while also supporting "green" architectures that reduce energy consumption, improve thermal management and optimize network efficiency for network operators.

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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and improve margins in response to declining average selling prices, our ability to adjust production capacity in a timely fashion in response to changes in demand for our products, dependence on gallium arsenide (GaAs) for the majority of our products, dependence on third parties, and substantial reliance on international sales and operations. These and other risks and uncertainties, which are described in more detail in RF Micro Devices' most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and other reports and statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, could cause actual results and developments to be materially different from those expressed or implied by any of these forward-looking statements.

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