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RFMD's PowerSmart(TM) Power Platforms Awarded Editor's Choice by Embedded Computing Design Magazine

PowerSmart Recognized for Reducing Power Consumption in Multiband, Multi-mode 3G/4G Handsets

GREENSBORO, N.C., Mar 31, 2010 (GlobeNewswire 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 announced that RFMD's PowerSmart(TM) power platforms have received an Editor's Choice award from Embedded Computing Design in the March 2010 E-letter "Deep Green" department. RFMD's PowerSmart(TM) power platforms are a new product category designed to deliver multiband, multi-mode coverage of all cellular air interface standards through a revolutionary new RF Configurable Power Core(TM).

Don Dingee, Editorial Director, Embedded Computing Design and OpenSystems Media, said, "Mobile devices are now faced with operating seamlessly on multiple bands of 3G and 4G wireless networks. Dealing with this requirement can easily eat all of the power savings achieved with other design steps if designers aren't careful. RF Micro Devices' line of PowerSmart platforms provide a multiband front end for mobile devices, helping them be greener."

Eric Creviston, president of RFMD's Cellular Products Group (CPG), said, "RFMD is pleased to receive Embedded Computing Design's Editor's Choice award for our newly introduced PowerSmart power platforms. This recognition is a tribute to the entire RFMD team and underscores our sharp focus on product leadership, particularly relating to multimode, multi-band 3G/4G cellular RF architectures.

"RFMD's PowerSmart power platforms process all known cellular modulations at optimum performance, with superior energy efficiency and at the industry's lowest total cost of ownership. We continue to anticipate significant customer adoption, as PowerSmart enables smartphone manufacturers and cellular platform providers to implement global 3G/4G penta-band handset platforms with product footprints that are 35% smaller than today's highest volume quad-band solutions."

About PowerSmart

PowerSmart power platforms feature an RF Configurable Power Core that leverages industry-leading functional efficiency and delivers state-of-the-art processing of all known cellular communications modulation schemes, including GSM/GPRS, EDGE, EDGE Evolution, CDMA, 3G (TD-SCDMA or WCDMA/HSPA+) and 4G (LTE or WiMAX). The RF Configurable Power Core incorporates all power amplification and RF power management functionality. PowerSmart platforms also include all necessary switching and signal conditioning functionality in a compact reference design, providing smartphone manufacturers a single scalable source for the entire cellular front end.

PowerSmart power platforms help to extend battery life and significantly reduce average thermal dissipation - both critical performance metrics for smartphone manufacturers - by maximizing efficiency across power levels, across data rates (voice-only to LTE) and during non-ideal load conditions, also known as "antenna mismatch." Each PowerSmart platform utilizes a standardized digital interface (SDI) and is optimized to mate with leading multi-band HSPA+/EDGE/GPRS RF transceivers.

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(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.

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