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## **RF Micro Devices(R) Achieves ISO/TS 16949 Certification for Automotive Quality Management Systems**

GREENSBORO, N.C., April 30, 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, today announced it has been granted ISO/TS 16949 certification. The ISO/TS 16949 certificate is the highest international quality standard for the automotive industry, and ISO/TS 16949 certification demonstrates RFMD's commitment to excellence in product design and manufacturing processes for automotive applications.

ISO/TS 16949 certification is supported by the automotive industry and incorporates ISO technical specifications that are more stringent than ISO 9001 quality management system requirements. The goal of the ISO/TS 16949 standard is to enhance existing quality management systems, which, when combined with customer-specific requirements, support continual improvement through defect prevention and a reduction in variation and waste in the supply chain. The ISO/TS 16949 standard combines North American and European automotive requirements and serves the global automotive market.

Bob Bruggeworth, president and CEO of RFMD, said, "We are pleased to achieve ISO/TS 16949 certification and reinforce RFMD's commitment to continuous improvement in support of our customers. This milestone underscores our commitment to the most stringent standards for manufacturing processes and work procedures, positioning RFMD to significantly expand our presence in the automotive industry."

The ISO/TS 16949 certification granted to RFMD covers RFMD's manufacturing facilities in Greensboro, North Carolina.

ISO/TS 16949 certification, developed by the International Automotive Task Force (IATF) in conjunction with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) the world's largest developer of standards, aligns existing automotive quality systems standards within the global automotive industry, and aims to eliminate the need for multiple certifications to satisfy customer requirements and provide a common approach to a quality management system for automotive production. The IATF consists of an international group of vehicle manufacturers including, Chrysler, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Corporation, PSA Peugeot-Citroen, Renault and Volkswagen.

### **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-, ISO 14001-, and ISO/TS 16949-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](http://www.rfmd.com).

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market, our reliance on inclusion in third party reference designs for a portion of our revenue, our ability to manage channel partner and customer relationships, risks associated with the operation of our wafer fabrication, molecular beam epitaxy, assembly and test and tape and reel facilities, our ability to complete acquisitions and integrate acquired companies, including the risk that we may not realize expected synergies from our business combinations, our ability to attract and retain skilled personnel and develop leaders, variability in production yields, raw material costs and availability, our ability to reduce costs 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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