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RFMD Expands Product Portfolio for the Growing Automotive Wi-Fi Market

Adds Two New Wi-Fi Front End Modules to Its Family of ISO/TS 16949-Certified Products

GREENSBORO, N.C., Jan. 7, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- RFMD (Nasdaq:RFMD), a global leader in the design and manufacture of high-performance radio frequency solutions, today expanded its broad portfolio of Wi-Fi products to include two new front end modules (FEMs) for automotive Wi-Fi applications. RFMD's new RFFM8500Q is a compact, high linearity FEM supporting 5 GHz Wi-Fi and featuring a power amplifier (PA), low noise amplifier (LNA) and single pole double throw (SPDT) switch. RFMD also unveiled its 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi high linearity FEM, the RFFM8200Q, which includes a PA, LNA and single pole triple throw (SP3T) switch. Both products are ISO/TS 16949 certified, offer best in class performance, and are tested in accordance with the AECQ-100 automotive specification.

According to ABI Research, shipments of connected automotive infotainment systems will grow from 9 million in 2013 to more than 62 million in 2018 with connected navigation, multimedia streaming, social media, and in-car Wi-Fi hotspots as key features. Several car makers have already announced their commitment to in-car Wi-Fi, including General Motors, Audi and Mercedes Benz. GM announced that it will add 4G/LTE connectivity and in-car Wi-Fi hotspots to several of its 2015 GMC, Chevrolet, Buick and Cadillac model cars, trucks and crossovers available in the U.S. and Canada later this year. Audi has a goal of one million connected Audi vehicles on the road worldwide by 2015 through its Audi connect® service, which supports up to eight in-car Wi-Fi-enabled devices simultaneously.

"RFMD's expanding ISO/TS 16949-compliant Wi-Fi product portfolio highlights our commitment to excellence in product design and manufacturing processes for the fast-growing automotive Wi-Fi market," said Rohan Houlden, general manager of RFMD's Wireless Connectivity Business Unit. "We expect to significantly expand our presence in the automotive industry and are eager to support the leading chipset providers as they gear up for the rollout of new cars, trucks and SUVs that offer in-car Wi-Fi later this year."

The RFFM8500Q and the RFFM8200Q FEMs are the newest addition to RFMD's growing family of ISO/TS 16949-certified products for automotive Wi-Fi, and will be available for volume production this quarter. ISO/TS 16949 certification is the highest international quality standard for the automotive industry, and incorporates ISO technical specifications that are more stringent than ISO 9001 quality management system requirements. RFMD achieved ISO/TS 16949 certification in 2012 and provides complete production part approval process (PPAP) packages for its automotive Wi-Fi products.

RFMD offers a complete portfolio of Wi-Fi FEMS (PA, LNA, switch, harmonic filtering) and discrete devices such as auto switches and switch LNA modules to support the latest 802.11ac reference designs from the world's leading automotive Wi-Fi chipset makers. The Company is also evaluating its automotive Wi-Fi products for the emerging 802.11p standard for adding wireless access in vehicular environments (WAVE).

About RFMD

RFMD (Nasdaq:RFMD) is a global leader in the design and manufacture of high-performance radio frequency solutions. RFMD's products enable worldwide mobility, provide enhanced connectivity, and support advanced functionality in the mobile device, wireless infrastructure, wireless local area network (WLAN or Wi-Fi), cable television (CATV)/broadband, Smart Energy/advanced metering infrastructure (AMI), 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. RFMD is an ISO 9001-, ISO 14001-, and ISO/TS 16949-certified manufacturer with worldwide engineering, design, sales and service facilities. For more information, please visit RFMD's web site at rfmd.com.

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