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RFMD(R) Announces Appointment of Industry Veteran Hans Schwarz as Corporate Vice President, Business Development

GREENSBORO, N.C., Oct. 28, 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 the appointment of technology veteran Hans Schwarz, age 54, as corporate vice president, business development.

Mr. Schwarz brings more than 30 years of technology industry expertise to RFMD® as well as wide-ranging involvement in successful business development and M&A activity. In this newly created position, Mr. Schwarz will report to Bob Bruggeworth, president and CEO of RFMD, with responsibility for RFMD's corporate business development initiatives, including strategic planning, M&A strategy and execution, and IP-based acquisition and licensing. Mr. Schwarz will be based in RFMD's West Coast office, in California's Silicon Valley.

Mr. Bruggeworth, said, "Hans is an exceptional leader with deep semiconductor industry experience, and we are very pleased to welcome him to RFMD. In previous positions at other semiconductor industry leaders, Hans successfully developed and executed large-scale business development programs that drove growth. As part of the RFMD team, we expect him to contribute immediately to our strategic efforts to deliver incremental growth and profitability."

Mr. Jerry Neal, co-founder and executive vice president of corporate marketing of RFMD, said, "I am pleased with the successes our corporate development team achieved in the past through several strategic business and manufacturing asset acquisitions. These corporate development successes have enabled RFMD to become a diversified growth company with an extremely bright future. I am pleased that the organizational changes announced today will allow me to continue my focus in the areas of RFMD's branding, strategic marketing and other corporate marketing initiatives."

Before joining RFMD, Mr. Schwarz served as managing director for a \$300 million late stage venture capital crossover fund, where he was responsible for searching for and investing in innovative, market-leading late-stage companies in semiconductors, storage, networking and telecom, cleantech, and other industries. Prior to that, Mr. Schwarz spent 15 years at Xilinx, Inc. (Nasdaq:XLNX), a market leader in programmable logic, serving most recently as VP of Business and Strategy Development. While at Xilinx, his responsibilities included global strategy development, managing a \$300 million strategic investment fund, corporate partnerships, and developing and implementing an industry-leading M&A process.

Prior to Xilinx, Mr. Schwarz held various management, marketing and engineering positions at Chips and Technologies, Inc.; LSI Logic and Fairchild Semiconductor.

Mr. Schwarz holds a BS in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from Santa Clara University, in Silicon Valley. He is an independent board member of Lattice Semiconductor Corp (Nasdaq:LSCC).

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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