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RFMD(R) Achieves 4G Performance Milestone Related to PowerSmart(TM) Power Platforms

GREENSBORO, N.C., Jan. 10, 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 achieved a major performance milestone related to its PowerSmart™ power platforms. RFMD's PowerSmart power platforms are a new product category reshaping the future of multimode, multi-band cellular RF architectures.

During independent product testing, RFMD's PowerSmart power platforms achieved HSPA+ 4G data upload speeds while drawing approximately 15% less current than competitive solutions. Product qualification tests, which are routinely performed to evaluate each new cellular product's front end, transceiver and baseband, are currently being conducted in support of a highly anticipated product family spanning multiple form factors, to be launched by a leading cellular device manufacturer beginning in the March, 2011, quarter.

PowerSmart power platforms feature a revolutionary new RF Configurable Power Core™ that delivers multiband, multimode coverage of all cellular communications modulation schemes, including GSM/GPRS, EDGE, EDGE Evolution, CDMA, 3G (TD-SCDMA or WCDMA) and 4G (HSPA+, LTE or WiMAX). HSPA+ 4G devices are capable of maximum data upload speeds of 22 megabits per second (Mbps). Because the RF Configurable Power Core in PowerSmart is compliant with all current and known future 4G data standards (HSPA+, LTE QPSK, LTE 16QAM, and LTE 64QAM), RFMD anticipates subsequent smartphones featuring PowerSmart will support upload speeds significantly greater than 22 Mbps.

In addition to the RF Configurable Power Core, which performs all power amplification and power management functionality, RFMD's PowerSmart power platforms 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.

About RFMD

RF Micro Devices, Inc. (Nasdaq:RFMD) is a global leader in the design and manufacture of high-performance semiconductor components. 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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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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