RF Micro Devices® and SELEX Galileo Collaborative Announcement

EDINBURGH, U.K. and GREENSBORO, N.C., (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- SELEX Galileo, a Finmeccanica Company and a world leading defense electronics manufacturer, and RFMD, Inc., a global leader in the design and manufacture of high-performance radio frequency components and compound semiconductor technologies, announce the extension of their collaboration to develop high frequency GaAs MMIC solutions focused on SELEX Galileo's next generation of electronically-scanned (E-SCAN) phased array radar systems.

SELEX Galileo and RFMD have collaborated in GaAs MMICs since signing a strategic cooperation agreement in May 2008

. In a related announcement, RFMD announced that it has commenced production shipments to SELEX Galileo of GaAs MMIC chipsets for insertion into SELEX Galileo's surveillance and fire control radar systems. RFMD manufactures its high frequency GaAs MMIC process for SELEX Galileo on six-inch substrates at RFMD's UK-based high-volume GaAs wafer fab in Durham, UK.

Jeff Shealy, vice president and general manager of RFMD's Defense and Power business unit, said, "We are pleased to support SELEX Galileo's high frequency GaAs requirements using our GaAs technical expertise and high volume commercial wafer fab. We value our collaboration with SELEX Galileo and look forward to growing our relationship, while delivering world-class GaAs solutions for their advanced radar systems."

Bob Bruggeworth, president and CEO of RFMD, added, "SELEX Galileo is a valued strategic customer in our Defense and Power business and we are pleased to announce the strengthening of our collaboration as we move from development phase to production phase. Our combined efforts represent an excellent match for RFMD's strategic mission to extend and leverage our leadership in RF components and compound semiconductors into multiple industries."

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