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BLACK SAND TECHNOLOGIES INCLUDED IN EE TIMES SILICON 60 LIST OF EMERGING STARTUPS

AUSTIN, Texas—October, 2010—Black Sand Technologies, Inc., a fabless semiconductor company specializing in advanced power amplifier technology for wireless applications, announced that it has been selected for a second year in the EE Times List of 60 Emerging Startups, known as the "Silicon 60". The list names some of the most important startups involved in semiconductor technologies. Technology areas include analog circuits, memory, logic, power, MEMS, optoelectronics, EDA software, foundry manufacturing, semiconductor production equipment, electronic subsystems, packaging and materials.

The Silicon 60 list is updated annually, and companies are selected based on a mix of criteria including technology, intended market, maturity, financial position, management and investment profile.

"Black Sand is honored to be recognized as one of the top semiconductor startups that are driving innovation in global markets," said John Diehl, CEO of Black Sand Technologies. "The wireless products we are developing today will have a transformational impact on communications products including mobile phones, netbooks and data-connected consumer electronics devices."

Black Sand Technologies was established by Dave Pietruszynski, Jim Nohrden, and Susanne Paul – semiconductor technology veterans with a track record in building market-leading products in the wireless, consumer, and networking industries. Dr. Paul was recognized in 2004 for winning the prestigious "Innovator of the Year" award from Electronic Design News magazine.

About Black Sand Technologies:

Founded in 2005, Black Sand Technologies, Inc. is a fabless semiconductor company dedicated to building solutions for the wireless industry by combining sensitive analog and powerful digital circuits in silicon. Black Sand's unique combination of patented mixed-signal technology and industry experience will lead the way to new levels of cost and performance in wireless products of the future. Black Sand is based in Austin, Texas, and is funded by Austin Ventures and Northbridge Venture Partners. For more information, please visit www.blacksand.com.

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