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**BLACK SAND STRENGTHENS SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM WITH
APPOINTMENT OF NEW VP WORLDWIDE SALES**

***EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL WITH STRONG TRACK RECORD
IN ASIA-PACIFIC REGION***

AUSTIN, Texas — February 21st, 2012 — [Black Sand Technologies, Inc.](http://www.black-sand.com), a fabless semiconductor company specializing in advanced power amplifier technology for wireless applications, has strengthened its senior management team with the appointment of Richard Murphy as Vice President of Worldwide Sales. With over 15 years of experience in selling and marketing semiconductor solutions into the wireless terminal market, Mr Murphy has a strong track record in sales and business development, particularly in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region.

“We are delighted to welcome Richard to this newly-created senior post,” said John Diehl, Black Sand’s CEO. “We have recently secured \$10M in Series C funding, strengthening our balance sheet and putting us on track for the next phase in our growth. In 2010 we overcame the technical challenges of creating all-silicon power amplifiers; in 2011 we commenced commercial shipments into multiple design wins; 2012 will be the year in which the market takes off in serious volume, and Richard’s appointment puts us in a strong position to make the most of that opportunity.”

Mr. Murphy will take responsibility for Black Sand's sales activities on a worldwide basis. In the past he was VP of Worldwide Sales for Axiom Microdevices, a leader in the 2G CMOS PA market, where his sales leadership and innovative sales techniques contributed directly to unparalleled revenue, unit volume and market share achievements.

Prior to this, Mr. Murphy ran sales, marketing and business development for a number of successful semiconductor companies, including Zero G Wireless (acquired by Microchip Technology Inc) and Aspendos Communications (acquired by Beceem Communications Inc). He has also held sales positions at Audience and Embedded Wireless Devices. □□

Mr. Murphy is a graduate of Bucknell University and Cornell University's Japanese studies program.

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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