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### iRoC Technologies Names Mark Derby General Manager of European Operations

**SANTA CLARA, Calif. — October 5, 2004** — iRoC Technologies® Corporation announced the appointment of Mark Derby as general manager of operations for its European headquarters in Grenoble, France. iRoC is one of the world's leading commercial providers of soft error solutions for integrated circuits (ICs).

As general manager, Derby oversees the daily operations of iRoC's European headquarters, and manages engineering and research and development efforts. Derby has more than 15 years' experience managing service and software development teams for multinational companies.

"Leading semiconductor companies recognize that in a nanometer era, integrated circuit reliability is primarily driven by finding and eliminating soft errors," said Eric Dupont, iRoC president and CEO. "Marc's strong software development and production expertise will be essential to iRoC as the company delivers software products to help meet the increasing demand for our soft error solutions."

### About Marc Derby

Marc Derby joins iRoC from Sun Microsystems (NASDAQ: SUNW), where he led the software development team for its Telco high-availability product. Before joining Sun, Derby was a senior manager at Bull SA (Paris-BULP), managing telecom software development and AIX kernel development for NUMA technology. Derby holds a B.S. in Computer Science from Joseph Fourier University in Grenoble, France and an M.S. in Artificial Intelligence from the Paul Sabatier University of Toulouse, France. He is certified by the Program Management Institute.

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## **About iRoC Technologies**

Founded in 2000, privately-held iRoC Technologies Corporation is one of the world's leading commercial providers of soft error solutions for integrated circuits. iRoC provides soft error testing, soft error optimization tools, and soft error protection services that help semiconductor companies estimate the reliability risks of soft errors and eliminate them during the chip design process. Caused by atmospheric radiation, soft errors are the fastest growing reliability problem for semiconductors. iRoC's U.S. headquarters are in Santa Clara, Calif., and its European headquarters are in Grenoble, France. Visit [www.iroctech.com](http://www.iroctech.com) for the latest news and information on iRoC.

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