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## **Crossroads Systems Appoints Joseph J. Hartnett to Board of Directors**

**Austin, Texas – March 2, 2011** – Crossroads Systems, Inc. (symbol: CRDS) today announced that Joseph J. Hartnett has joined the Crossroads Systems Board of Directors.

Hartnett is a 32-year veteran of the technology and financial industries. He currently serves as a Member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Audit Committee at Sparton Corporation, a diversified electronics company serving government and commercial markets worldwide. Hartnett also serves as President, Chief Executive Officer and Member of the Board of Directors at Ingenient Technologies, a global provider of embedded multimedia systems and solutions.

He previously served as President, Chief Executive Officer and Member of the Board of Directors at U.S. Robotics Corporation and held various leadership positions at Grant Thornton LLP for more than 20 years. A Certified Public Accountant, Hartnett holds a degree in accounting from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

“I am thrilled to join the Crossroads’ team, as the company is well positioned to bring disruptive and unique technology into the fastest growing segment of the data storage market,” Hartnett said. “I believe the company has a strong vision and is poised for exciting growth as they continue to execute and deliver these solutions into the market.”

“Joe’s demonstrated leadership and diverse experience in technology, finance and business operations will undoubtedly serve as a powerful asset for Crossroads,” said Rob Sims, President, CEO and Member of the Board of Directors at Crossroads Systems. “His counsel and business experience will provide both a significant value to me and the management team as well as for our investors.”

## **About Crossroads Systems**

Headquartered in Austin, Texas, Crossroads Systems (OTC.PK: CRDS) has been a world leader in storage routing and virtualization since 1996, developing 79 patents with more than 100 patents pending. Crossroads Systems proprietary data routing technology and storage management solutions have more than 125,000 installations in most Fortune 2000 companies. Crossroads Systems now seeks to bring unique software and SaaS solutions to the enterprise storage sector and for the first time, deliver tiered storage solutions to Cloud Service Providers and private enterprise clouds. For more information, visit [www.crossroads.com](http://www.crossroads.com).

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