

Dennis drops Motorola, heads for Dropbox

SAN FRANCISCO, USA: The head of Google-owned Motorola, Dennis Woodside, is leaving the smartphone company to become chief operating officer at the online storage firm Dropbox.



Motorola's Dennis Woodside is joining Dropbox.

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The news comes just two weeks after Google said it was selling Motorola to China's Lenovo for US\$2.9bn.

Google senior vice president Jonathan Rosenberg will take over at Motorola in April.

Woodside's move follows unconfirmed reports that Dropbox has filed for an initial public offering under a law that allows emerging companies to keep financial data confidential until just before the IPO.

Such a move would put Dropbox and the growing business of online storage into the spotlight and likely give the group a hefty valuation. A recent funding round valued the California firm at some US\$10bn, according to The Wall Street Journal.

Woodside confirmed his departure in a blog post, saying he would leave Motorola at the end of March.

"In the last 18 months, Motorolans have built two of the company's best-loved phones ever, introduced customisation to the industry, brought unprecedented quality and performance to a value-priced smartphone, and created experiences that changed how people use and interact with their smartphones," Woodside said.

"I'm excited about what the next chapter in Motorola's history will bring under the new ownership of Lenovo. While Google imbued simplicity and software sensibility into the company, Lenovo will bring it the scale it deserves," he said.

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