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Novatel Wireless Announces New Board Member

-- Dan Pittard Brings Over 30 Years of Experience to Novatel Wireless' Board --

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA - November 22, 2002 - Novatel Wireless, Inc. (Nasdaq: NVTL;NVTLD), a provider of wireless data access solutions, has appointed Daniel E. Pittard to its Board of Directors. Mr. Pittard has over 30 years of operational, marketing and business strategy experience at leading companies including Amoco Corporation, McKinsey & Company and Pepsico, Inc.

Mr. Pittard currently serves as Chairman and CEO of ideaEDGE Ventures LLC, a venture development firm assisting companies in the creation and launching of new Mobile Internet endeavors, products and services. Prior to co-founding ideaEDGE Ventures, he was Senior Vice President, Strategy and New Ventures for Gateway, where he was Chief Strategy Officer responsible for business development, acquisitions and new ventures. His earlier experience includes serving as a Partner at McKinsey & Company, Group Vice President at Amoco Corporation and Senior Vice President and General Manager for Pepsico, Inc. He received an M.B.A. from Harvard University and a B.S. from Georgia Institute of Technology.

"Dan's extensive operational experience and international connections make him an extremely valuable asset to our board," commented John Major, chairman and chief executive officer of Novatel Wireless. "We believe that his strong expertise in helping businesses achieve rapid market traction will help us continue to position Novatel Wireless as a leader in the industry."

"I am excited to join the Board of Directors of Novatel Wireless," added Dan Pittard. "I look forward to providing insight as Novatel Wireless continues to improve its business model and form alliances with leading companies around the globe."

ABOUT NOVATEL WIRELESS, INC.

Novatel Wireless, Inc. is a leading provider of wireless data modems and software for use with handheld computing devices and portable personal computers. The company delivers innovative and comprehensive solutions that enable businesses and consumers to access personal, corporate and public information through email, enterprise networks and the Internet. Novatel Wireless also offers wireless data modems and custom engineering services for hardware integration projects in a wide range of vertical applications. The Novatel Wireless product portfolio includes the MerlinTM Family of Wireless PC Card Modems, ExpediteTM Family of Wireless Embedded Modems, Minstrel[®] Family of Wireless Handheld Modems, Lancer 3WTM Family of Ruggedized Modems and Sage[®] Wireless Serial Modems. Headquartered in San Diego, California, Novatel Wireless is listed on The Nasdaq Stock Market (Nasdaq: NVTL; NVTLD). For more information, please visit the Novatel Wireless web site: www.novatelwireless.com or call 888-888-9231.

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