

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

INFORMATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Novatel Wireless, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

66987M109

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2001

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

1. Name of Reporting Persons:
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).
Ventures West Capital Ltd.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions):

(a) []

(b) []

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization:
Canada

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned By Each Reporting Person With

5. Sole Voting Power:	6,480,786
6. Shared Voting Power:	0
7. Sole Dispositive Power:	6,480,786
8. Shared Dispositive Power:	0

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:
6,480,786

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9):
11.2%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions):
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ITEM 1.

- (a) Name of Issuer:
Novatel Wireless, Inc.
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
9360 Towne Centre Drive, Suite 110
San Diego, California 92121

ITEM 2.

- (a) Name of Person Filing:
Ventures West Capital Ltd.
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:
1285 West Pender Street, Suite 280
Vancouver, British Columbia
Canada V6E 4B1
- (c) Citizenship:
Canada
- (d) Title of Class of Securities:
Common Stock
- (e) CUSIP Number:
66987M109

ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b) OR 13d-2(b) OR (c), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

- (a) Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act;
- (b) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act;
- (c) Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act;
- (d) Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act;
- (e) Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisors Act of 1940;
- (f) Employee Benefit Plan Pension Fund which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment Fund;
- (g) Parent Holding Company, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(ii)(G);
- (h) A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940;
- (j) Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 6,480,786 shares, including (i) 2,892,873 shares of common stock, warrants to purchase 1,443,886 shares of common stock and 1,298,701 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of 1,000 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock held of record by Bank of Montreal Capital Corporation, which is managed by Ventures West Management TIP, Inc., an entity wholly owned by Ventures West Capital Ltd., and (b) 433,938 shares of common stock, warrants to purchase 216,583 shares of common stock and 194,805 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of 150 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock held of record by Ventures West Investment Ltd., an 85% owned subsidiary of Ventures West Capital Ltd.
- (b) Percent of class:
11.2%
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
6,480,786
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
0
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
6,480,786
 - (iv) Shares power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
0

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

If the statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [].

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON

Not applicable.

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Not applicable.

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

VENTURES WEST CAPITAL LTD.

/s/ ROBIN J. LOUIS

By: Robin J. Louis
Title: President

Date: January 31, 2002