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Novatel Wireless Announces Windows Vista-Ready Wireless Broadband Access Products

SAN DIEGO, Jan 03, 2007 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Novatel Wireless, Inc. (Nasdaq:NVTL), a leading provider of wireless broadband access solutions, today announced that they, in collaboration with Microsoft, have developed WWAN modem hardware and software drivers that are certified for the Windows Vista operating system. To achieve this critical milestone, Novatel Wireless' products successfully passed a series of stringent tests at Microsoft's Windows Hardware Quality Laboratories (WHQL).

"Novatel Wireless has worked closely with Microsoft to ensure the best performance and most reliable Windows Vista experience through our diversified line of EV-DO and HSDPA WWAN products," said Slim Souissi, senior vice president and chief technology officer for Novatel Wireless. "Windows Vista WHQL certification gives OEMs, operators and consumers complete confidence that their WWAN investment will be future-proof."

WHQL certification sets a high bar for quality and reliability, and is considered an essential part of the purchase decision by many business and home users. This certification allows Novatel Wireless, as well as its wireless carrier and OEM customers, to display the Certified for Windows Vista logo on retail packages for branded products. The logo assures customers that Novatel Wireless products will provide easy plug-and-play installation when used with the Windows Vista operating system. The WHQL certification also means the Novatel Wireless modules are approved for integration into laptop PCs by manufacturers seeking the Certified for Windows Vista logo for their products.

ABOUT NOVATEL WIRELESS

Novatel Wireless, Inc. is revolutionizing wireless communications. The company is a leader in the design and development of innovative wireless broadband access solutions based on 3G WCDMA (HSDPA & UMTS), CDMA and GSM technologies. Novatel Wireless' Merlin(TM) PC Cards and ExpressCards, Expedite(R) Embedded Modules, MobiLink(TM) Communications Software Suite, Ovation(TM) Fixed Mobile Convergence Products and Conversa(TM) Software Suite enable high-speed wireless access. The company delivers innovative 3G solutions to operators, distributors and vertical markets worldwide. Headquartered in San Diego, California, Novatel Wireless is listed on NASDAQ: NVTL. For more information visit www.novatelwireless.com. (NVTLG)

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