

Novatel Wireless Introduces Its First Embedded Module for the CDMA2000 1X Network

New Expedite C201[™] Leads Market in Mobile IP

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA - June 25, 2002 - Novatel Wireless, Inc. (Nasdaq:NVTL), a leading provider of wireless data access solutions, announced today Novatel Wireless' first embedded module for CDMA2000 1X networks, the Expedite C201TM. The Expedite C201 module provides access to email, corporate databases and the Internet at maximum speeds up to 144 kbps in CDMA2000 1X coverage areas and 14.4 kbps in IS-95A coverage areas. The high-speed module is targeted at a wide range of industries including device and laptop manufacturing, inventory monitoring, automated banking, vending machines, vehicle tracking and public safety applications.

The Expedite C201 leads the market with Mobile IP capabilities allowing it to move seamlessly across networks with no interruption for the end user. It provides a straightforward solution to OEM manufacturers and the fastest route to an integrated high-speed wireless solution. Additionally, the embedded module is optimized for the 1900 band making it more cost effective than multi-band modules. The Expedite C201 will be available in the Fall of 2002.

"The Expedite C201 offers a unique high-speed, flexible architecture and has been used by two of the nation's leading carriers to test Mobile IP," commented Peter Leparulo, senior vice president of CDMA operations for Novatel Wireless. "It can be utilized in a whole range of applications from out-patient monitoring to public safety emergencies and its Mobile IP capabilities are ideal for businesses and organizations that need to access and transfer data-intensive files. We will market this higher speed, low comparative cost alternative to both our existing customers and new accounts across the country."

ABOUT THE EXPEDITE C201

The ExpediteTM C201 is the ideal solution for wireless high-speed data and voice access. Devices from laptops and PDA's to smart phones, vehicles and security systems can integrate the Expedite C201 to gain access to the CDMA2000 1X wireless data network. CDMA2000 1X wireless data is the state of the art in wireless WAN data access. The Expedite C201 can achieve download data rates of up to 144 kbps, and upload rates of up to 76.8 kbps. Standard CDMA2000 1X functionality, SMS text messaging and voice communication are all provided.

Expedite works in both fixed and mobile environments to give devices real-time access to critical information. The Expedite C201 is a single-band CDMA2000 1X radio module that builds on the already proven Merlin C201 Wireless PC Card Modem. With dimensions of 54 mm by 73 mm and only 5.6 mm thick, the Expedite C201 mates to the host device with a single 70pin header connector for easy assembly. To maximize flexibility the antenna connects to an industry standard 50 Ohm MMCX jack. The efficient sleep mode and power management ensures the conservation of power for portable applications.

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 Minstrel® Family of Wireless Handheld Modems, MerlinTM Family of Wireless PC Card Modems, Sage® Wireless Serial Modems, Lancer 3WTM Family of Ruggedized Modems and ExpediteTM Family of Wireless Embedded Modems. Headquartered in San Diego, California, Novatel Wireless is listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market (Nasdaq: NVTL). For more information, please visit the Novatel Wireless web site: www.novatelwireless.com or call 888-888-9231.

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discussed in more detail in Novatel Wireless' filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulatory agencies.