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## **SingTel Offers 3G UMTS PC Cards From Novatel Wireless And Lucent Technologies**

### **Merlin U530™ offers SingTel 3G customers high-speed mobile access to the Internet and corporate networks**

MURRAY HILL, N.J., SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA AND SINGAPORE - DECEMBER 21, 2004 - Novatel Wireless (NASDAQ: NVTL), Lucent Technologies (NYSE: LU) and Singapore Telecommunications Limited (SingTel) today announce the availability of the Merlin U530™ Wireless PC Card Modem for high-speed wireless data access on SingTel's 3G Universal Mobile Telecommunications Service (UMTS) network in Singapore. Together with its regional partners, SingTel is Asia's largest multi-market mobile operator, serving more than 56 million customers in six markets - Australia, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

By installing the intuitive MobiLink™ software from Novatel Wireless and inserting the Merlin U530 into a laptop, users can access data at speeds of up to 384 kilobits per second. Jointly developed by Lucent and Novatel Wireless, the Merlin U530 provides high-speed access to streaming video and audio, secure wireless access to emails with large attachments and other corporate information stored behind firewalls. The Merlin U530 is backward compatible to GPRS and GSM so users can stay connected to SingTel's GSM/GPRS networks when 3G service is not available.

"We are pleased that our customers are the first in Singapore to be able to enjoy a good choice of 3G devices that deliver broadband access and the freedom of mobility," said Paul Kitchin, vice president of consumer marketing for SingTel. "The Merlin U530 brings high-speed data services to corporate workers' fingertips - making access to email and the Internet easier than ever before. We look forward to a long-term partnership with Lucent and Novatel Wireless, as we jointly deliver mobile access from virtually any location at any time, meeting the demand for 'always on' connectivity."

"The Merlin U530 will deliver fast and affordable wireless broadband access to all SingTel customers within its 3G network," said Roger Derrien, vice president for UMTS product management with Lucent Technologies Mobility Solutions Group. "Having access to corporate networks while out of the office provides the convenience that Wi-Fi doesn't offer, offering true portability to remote workers. We are pleased to work closely with SingTel to help roll out 3G services across Singapore."

"Novatel Wireless is committed to meeting the demand for broadband wireless data access worldwide," said Rob Hadley, senior vice president of worldwide sales and marketing at Novatel Wireless. "By collaborating with SingTel and Lucent, we are helping meet the demand for high-speed data in Asia by extending 3G connectivity to mobile workers in Singapore."

Lucent and Novatel Wireless are the global leaders in UMTS PC Card sales with Merlin UMTS PC Cards available from 13 operators in 17 countries throughout Asia, Europe, Middle East and North America.

#### **ABOUT SINGTEL**

SingTel is Asia's leading communications group with operations and investments around the world. With significant operations in Singapore and Australia (through wholly-owned subsidiary SingTel Optus), the Group provides a comprehensive portfolio of services that include voice and data services over fixed, wireless and Internet platforms.

To serve the needs of multi-national corporations, SingTel has a network of 34 offices in 16 countries and territories throughout Asia Pacific, Europe and the United States. These offices enable SingTel to deliver reliable and quality network solutions to its customers, either on its own or jointly with local partners.

The Group also has major investments in India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand. Together with its regional partners, SingTel is Asia's largest multi-market mobile operator, serving more than 56 million customers in six markets. More information can be found @ [www.singtel.com](http://www.singtel.com) and [www.optus.com.au](http://www.optus.com.au).

#### **ABOUT LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES**

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Murray Hill, N.J., USA, visit [www.lucent.com](http://www.lucent.com).

## **ABOUT NOVATEL WIRELESS, INC.**

Novatel Wireless, Inc. is a leading provider of wireless broadband access solutions. Novatel Wireless' Merlin™ PC Cards, Expedite™ Embedded Modems, Freedom Box™ Ruggedized Modems, MobiLink™ Communications Software Suite, Ova 3G Multimedia Application Consoles and Conversa™ Software Suite enable high speed wireless access to personal, corporate and public information. 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](http://www.novatelwireless.com)

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