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Novatel Wireless Announces New Board Member

Horst Pudwill Brings Global Manufacturing and Brand Building Experience to Novatel Wireless Board

SAN DIEGO - September 22, 2003 - Novatel Wireless, Inc. (Nasdaq: NVTL), a leading provider of wireless data access solutions, has appointed Horst J. Pudwill to its board of directors. Mr. Pudwill has over 20 years of international manufacturing, brand building and corporate acquisition experience in North American, Asian and European markets.

As founder, current chairman and CEO of Techtronic Industries Co. Ltd. (TTI) headquartered in Hong Kong, Mr. Pudwill built TTI from an OEM & ODM manufacturer to a \$1.2 billion global manufacturer of industry leading brands in power tools, lawn and garden equipment, and floor care appliances including Ryobi (Ryobi Technologies Inc.), Dirt Devil, and Homelite.

Mr. Pudwill was the former chairman of the board of NovAtel Communications Ltd., a Canadian telecommunications company from which Novatel Wireless was spun off. A co-founder of Novatel Wireless, Mr. Pudwill was instrumental in establishing Novatel Wireless in April 1996.

"Horst's extensive international business and acquisition experience make him an extremely valuable addition to our board," said Peter Leparulo, chief executive officer of Novatel Wireless. "His strong expertise in brand building and growing businesses into global market leaders will help us continue to position Novatel Wireless as a leader in the wireless data industry."

"I am excited to expand my involvement with Novatel Wireless by joining the board of directors," said Horst Pudwill. "I look forward to providing guidance as Novatel Wireless continues to refine their business model and build relationships with industry leaders worldwide."

ABOUT NOVATEL WIRELESS, INC.

Novatel Wireless, Inc. is a leading developer of wireless PC cards, embedded modems, software and custom engineering for use in mobile computing devices. The company delivers innovative solutions to retail, wholesale and vertical markets worldwide enabling access to personal, corporate and public information over advanced wireless networks such as GSM, GPRS, CDMA and UMTS. Novatel Wireless Merlin™ PC Card and Expedite™ Embedded Modems are used in portable computers, handheld devices and vertical market applications. Headquartered in San Diego, California, Novatel Wireless is listed on Nasdaq: NVTL. For more information, visit www.novatelwireless.com

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