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Novatel Wireless 4G LTE and WiMAX MiFi Intelligent Mobile Hotspots Win 2011 CTIA Emerging Technology Award

SAN DIEGO and ORLANDO, Fla., March 24, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- CTIA Wireless Booth #3416 -- Novatel Wireless (Nasdaq: NVTL), a leading provider of wireless broadband solutions, today announced that its 4G MiFi® Intelligent Mobile Hotspots -- the LTE MiFi 4510 and WiMAX MiFi 4082 -- have been recognized as winners in the 2011 CTIA Emerging Technology Awards in the Mobile Consumer Electronics: Accessories category.

The MiFi device is the world's first intelligent mobile hotspot, a credit card sized gadget that creates a portable hotspot for up to five devices/users to access high-speed mobile broadband. The latest incarnations of the MiFi leverage new 4G networks, including WiMAX and LTE technologies. The new 4G MiFi Intelligent Mobile Hotspots goes beyond basic connectivity to provide advanced mobile broadband functionality for anyone looking to stay connected on-the-go. The MiFi Intelligent Mobile Hotspot comes with GPS functionality, removable storage via a microSD slot and depending on carrier configuration, comes preloaded with MiFi OS™ with onboard widgets and application support. The 4G MiFi devices also features an external e-Ink display with status indicators for battery, signal strength and number of connected devices.

"The CTIA Emerging Technology awards serve as a benchmark for success across several competitive industries and validate the dedication and hard work of the entire Novatel Wireless organization," said Rob Hadley, chief marketing officer for Novatel Wireless. "We are very excited to be assisting our carrier customers with their 4G roll-outs with our innovative and high-performing solutions."

The sixth annual CTIA Emerging Technology Awards program is designed to provide industry recognition and exposure to the best wireless products and services in the marketplace. More than 300 entries were judged by a panel of media and industry analysts and scored on innovation, functionality, technological importance, implementation and overall "wow" factor.

About Novatel Wireless

Novatel Wireless, Inc. is a leader in the design and development of intelligent wireless solutions based on 2G, 3G and 4G technologies providing wireless connectivity. The Company delivers specialized wireless solutions to carriers, distributors, retailers, OEMs and vertical markets worldwide. Novatel Wireless' Intelligent Mobile Hotspot products, software, USB modems, embedded modules and smart M2M modules provide innovative anywhere, anytime communications solutions for consumers and enterprises. Headquartered in San Diego, California, Novatel Wireless is listed on NASDAQ: NVTL. For more information please visit www.novatelwireless.com. (NVTLG)

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