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Novatel Wireless MiFi 2532 Wins 2009 CTIA E-Tech Award

SAN DIEGO, Apr 14, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Novatel Wireless Inc., (Nasdaq: NVTL) a leading provider of wireless broadband solutions, today announced its MiFi 2532 Intelligent Mobile Hotspot was awarded a CTIA Emerging Tech Award.

MiFi represents the industry's first Intelligent Mobile Hotspot, a new category of mobile broadband that creates a personal cloud of high-speed Internet connectivity that can be easily shared between multiple users and Wi-Fi devices such as laptops, cameras, gaming devices and multimedia players. MiFi enables users to access high-speed Internet from anywhere there is a cellular connection, including moving vehicles where multiple passengers may need Internet access.

The fourth annual CTIA Emerging Technology Awards program is designed to provide industry recognition and exposure to the best wireless products and services in the areas of mobile consumer electronics and applications; enterprise and vertical market technology; 4G and network infrastructure; and environmentally friendly hardware and services. Nearly 300 applications were submitted in 18 categories and reviewed by a panel of 30 recognized members of the media, industry analysts and executives. Products were judged on innovation, functionality, technological importance, implementation and their overall "wow" factor.

"With a broad spectrum of categories, ranging from consumer to enterprise to wireless health and energy applications, the E-Tech awards are an indicator of the phenomenal innovation taking place in the wireless industry," said Robert Mesirow, vice president and show director for CTIA. "We received a great response to the online and text voting campaigns for Best in Show and extend our congratulations to all of today's winners."

"Recognition from a respected industry organization such as CTIA validates the dedication and innovation that went into the development of this unprecedented product," said Rob Hadley, chief marketing officer for Novatel Wireless. "MiFi is the result of our enormous efforts to deliver an industry first, market-leading solution for mobile connectivity. We are very pleased with the positive reception it has received."

ABOUT NOVATEL WIRELESS

Novatel Wireless, Inc. is a leader in the design and development of innovative wireless broadband access solutions based on 3G and 4G WCDMA (HSPA & UMTS), CDMA and GSM technologies. Novatel Wireless' USB modems, embedded modules, Intelligent Mobile Hotspot products and software enable high-speed wireless Internet access on leading wireless data networks. The Company delivers specialized wireless solutions to carriers, distributors, OEMs and vertical markets worldwide. 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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