FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SOUISSI SLIM S						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NOVATEL WIRELESS INC [ NVTL ]									5. Relationship of Report (Check all applicable) Director • Officer (give title			on(s) to Iss 10% Ov Other (s	vner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 9255 TOWNE CENTRE DRIVE SUITE 225						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/13/2004									X Officer below)	)	k CTO	below)	ьреспу		
(Street)					4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Line)  X Form filed by One											·				
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Dat				Date (Month/	Date (Month/Day/Year)		Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr.					8, 4 and	Benefic	ially Following	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Indirect I str. 4)	of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or	Price	Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(5 4)		
Common Stock 10/13					3/2004	2004			M <sup>(1)</sup>		2,612	,612 A		\$2.65	5 2,	2,899		D			
Common Stock 10/					3/2004	/2004					5,530	5,530 A		\$2.65	5 8,	8,429		D			
Common Stock 10/13.											8,142		_	\$23.1	_	+		D			
Common Stock 10/15/						_			M <sup>(1)</sup>		7,500	_	A	\$2.65	_	,787		D			
Common Stock 10/15/2									S <sup>(1)</sup>		7,500			\$22.4		287		D			
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Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr 8)		n of E		Expiration	6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		Amour Securit Underl Derivat	. Title and mount of securities Juderlying Jerivative Securit Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr.	Ownership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$2.65	10/13/2004			M <sup>(1)</sup>			2,612	12/26/200	03 0	6/26/2013	Commo Stock		,612	(2)	86,667	,	D			
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$2.65	10/15/2004			M <sup>(1)</sup>			7,500	12/26/200	03 0	6/26/2013	Commo Stock		,500	(2)	79,167	,	D			
Non- Qualified Stock Option	\$2.65	10/13/2004			M <sup>(1)</sup>			5,530	12/26/200	03 0	6/26/2013	Commo		,530	(2)	62,602	2	D			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

(right to buy)

- $1.\ These\ options\ were\ exercised\ and\ the\ underlying\ shares\ were\ sold\ pursuant\ to\ a\ 10b5-1\ Sales\ Plan.$
- 2. Option granted pursuant to the Novatel Wireless, Inc. Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

By: Patrick T. Waters For: Slim 10/15/2004 Souissi

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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