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Novatel Wireless Leads the Industry With GCF Compliance on High Speed HSPA+ Products

Voluntary Certification Process Ensures Highest Quality and Network Interoperability

SAN DIEGO, Oct 19, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Novatel Wireless (NASDAQ:NVTL), a leading provider of wireless broadband solutions, today announced that its industry-leading HSPA+ modems have received industry compliance from the Global Certification Forum (GCF). GCF is an active partnership between network operators, device manufacturers and the test industry that provides an independent program to ensure global interoperability.

GCF compliance involved several hundred product lab test cases and extensive field trials that measured the performance of the Ovation MC996D and MC998D on different 3G networks in Europe. The testing conducted to achieve GCF certification ensures that the Ovation MC996D and MC998D products will have the highest reliability and functionality on HSPA+ mobile networks throughout the world, and that the products have been designed, manufactured and tested to an agreed standard.

"Wireless operators around the world benefit by knowing that GCF certified devices will perform optimally on networks, providing customers with high quality network interoperability," said Dr. Slim Souissi, chief technology officer at Novatel Wireless. "We will continue to ensure our HSPA+ products meet GCF compliance standards to ensure the highest possible performance and user experience."

HSPA+ is the next evolution of high-speed packet access (HSPA) wireless broadband technology with greater capacity for data throughput compared to current 3G networks. The Ovation MC996D and MC998D products offer peak data speeds of up to 21.6 Mbps on the downlink and 5.76 Mbps on the uplink. These products can be upgraded via firmware to support peak download speeds of up to 28 Mbps.

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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