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 and Ticker or Trading Symbol NOVATEL WIRELESS INC [NVTL] | | | | | | | (Che | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify | | | | | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) 9645 SCRANTON ROAD SUITE 205 | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/13/2009 | | | | | | | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP & CTO | | | | | |
| (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92121 | | | | 4 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | Line) | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) | (3 | tate) | (Zip) ble I - Non-D | erivati | ve S | ocurities | <u> </u> | ouired D | ienne | ed o | of or Re | neficially | Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date | | | | Transacti te | action 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. 4. Secu Transaction Code (Instr. | | ecuri | rities Acquired (A) or ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and | | 5. Amoun Securities Beneficia Owned Fo | s lly ollowing | Form: (D) or | n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| Table II Davin | | | disco disc | Code V | | | (D) | | | (Instr. 3 a | ansaction(s) estr. 3 and 4) | | | | | | | |
| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Date Execution (Month/Day/Year) if any | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year | | action (Instr. | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/ | ate | e of Securities | | es g Security | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securitie Beneficia Owned Following Reported | ve Owne es Form: ially Direct or Ind ng (I) (Ins | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (A) (D) Date Expiration Date Title Amount or Number of Shares | | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | | | | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$5.51 | 03/13/2009 | | A | | 102,273 | | (1) | 03/13/2 | 2019 | Common Stock | 102,273 | \$0 | 102,2 | 73 | D | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 03/13/2009 | | A | | 48,077 | | (3) | (3) | | Common Stock | 48,077 | \$0 | 48,07 | 77 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This option shall vest over three (3) years, 33.3% of which shall vest on the one-year anniversary of the grant date, followed by 24 months of ratable monthly vesting.
- 2. Converts into Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.
- 3. Restricted Stock Units vest over two years, 25% of which shall vest on the six month anniversary of the grant date, 25% of which shall vest on the first annual anniversary of the grant date and the balance shall vest on the second anniversary of the grant date.

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** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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