### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 15, 2014

# NOVATEL WIRELESS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) COMMISSION FILE: 000-31659 86-0824673 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

9645 Scranton Road San Diego, CA 92121 (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 320-3400

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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## Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

### Departure of Chief Financial Officer

On May 15, 2014, Kenneth G. Leddon, Chief Financial Officer of Novatel Wireless, Inc. (the "Company"), tendered his resignation from the Company, effective as of May 31, 2014. The Company is engaging an executive search firm to evaluate candidates for a new chief financial officer of the Company, including candidates who would act as interim chief financial officer of the Company.

The press release dated May 20, 2014 that announces Mr. Leddon's resignation is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

 
 Exhibit No.
 Description

 99.1
 Press Release dated May 20, 2014

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### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 20, 2014

Novatel Wireless, Inc.

By: /s/ Catherine F. Ratcliffe

Catherine F. Ratcliffe Senior Vice President of Business Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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#### Novatel Wireless Announces Departure of Chief Financial Officer

SAN DIEGO — May 20, 2014 — Novatel Wireless, Inc. (NASDAQ: NVTL), a leading provider of intelligent wireless solutions, announced that Chief Financial Officer, Kenneth Leddon, has decided to leave the company effective May 31, 2014. Mr. Leddon has accepted a chief financial officer position with another company.

"Ken has made important contributions to the company over the last six years and we wish him every success in his new position," said Peter Leparulo, chief executive officer of Novatel Wireless. "Ken will remain a valued friend of the company."

Commenting on his time with the company, Mr. Leddon noted, "I value my experience at Novatel Wireless and appreciate having the opportunity to work with so many talented people in this exciting industry. I wish the company and my colleagues here all the best as the company moves forward on its business transition plan."

The Company is engaging an executive search firm to evaluate candidates for a new chief financial officer, including interim candidates.

### 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. The Company delivers specialized wireless solutions to carriers, distributors, retailers, OEMs and vertical markets worldwide. Product lines include MiFi<sup>®</sup> Intelligent Mobile Hotspots, Ovation<sup>™</sup> USB modems, Expedite<sup>®</sup> embedded modules, Mobile Tracking Solutions, Asset Tracking Solutions, and Enabler smart M2M modules. These innovative products provide 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.nvtl.com. (NVTLF)

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