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Novatel Wireless Merlin V620 EV-DO PC Card Meets Microsoft Standards for Windows Compatibility

Merlin V620 Delivers High-Quality Computing Experience With Windows(R) Operating Systems

SAN DIEGO, Mar 07, 2005 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Novatel Wireless, Inc. (Nasdaq:NVTL), a leading provider of wireless broadband access solutions, today announced that its 3G Merlin V620(TM) EV-DO Wireless PC Card Modem received recognition as a Microsoft(R) certified solution. Microsoft's program helps distinguish reliable and high-quality hardware, firmware, drivers and related software components that provide an outstanding user experience when running on Windows operating systems.

Novatel Wireless' Merlin V620 underwent rigorous testing to ensure it met Microsoft's strict standards for Windows compatibility. The "Designed for Microsoft Windows" logo recommends products that are easy to install and do not cause problems in the Windows environment. In addition, many major retail outlets, corporations and government bodies use Microsoft's certification as purchasing criteria to determine the most reliable, advanced solutions on the market.

"Novatel Wireless is committed to ensuring its products are of the highest quality and meet industry standards, including compatibility with Microsoft Windows," said Dr. Slim Souissi, chief technology officer at Novatel Wireless. "Wireless operators and end-users will benefit by knowing that the Merlin V620 is a Microsoft certified device which will perform optimally on any Windows operating system. Novatel Wireless continues to lead the 3G PC Card market by meeting carrier requirements and developing the most innovative solutions possible."

For further information on the Microsoft Windows logo program, please visit <http://www.microsoft.com/whdc/winlogo/benefits/default.mspx>

ABOUT NOVATEL WIRELESS, INC.

Novatel Wireless, Inc. is a leading provider of wireless broadband access solutions. Novatel Wireless' Merlin(TM) PC Cards, Expedite(TM) Embedded Modems, Freedom Box(TM) Ruggedized Modems, MobiLink(TM) Communications Software Suite, Ovation(TM) 3G Multimedia Application Consoles and Conversa(TM) Software Suite enable high-speed wireless access to personal, corporate and public information. The company delivers innovative 3G solutions to operators, distributors and vertical markets worldwide. Headquartered in San Diego, California, Novatel Wireless is listed on NASDAQ: NVTL. For more information on Novatel Wireless visit www.novatelwireless.com (nvtlg)

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