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Novatel Wireless Merlin V620 Wins Mobile Star Award for Best Wireless Modem

SAN DIEGO, Oct 24, 2005 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Novatel Wireless, Inc. (Nasdaq:NVTL), a leading provider of wireless broadband access solutions, today announced it has won a Gold Mobile Star Award(TM) from MobileVillage(R), the 10-year leader in market development and news services about mobile technology.

The fourth annual Mobile Star Awards aim to honor and promote the best companies, products, deployments and leaders in mobile and wireless technology. Winners are chosen by subscribers to Go Mobile(R), MobileVillage's free online newsletter sent to technology executives, mobile users, buyers, IT managers, developers and top technology journalists.

"The Mobile Star Awards program gets bigger every year," said MobileVillage editor Gary Thayer. "This year we saw more than 100 entries in 60 categories, and nearly 800 people took the time to cast votes. The Mobile Star Awards are unique in that the judges are Go Mobile(R) readers - these people have a great knowledge of the industry and are eager to tell the world which mobile products deserve recognition."

"It is an honor to receive a MobileVillage.com Gold Star award for our Merlin V620 PC Card Modem," said Peter Leparulo, CEO at Novatel Wireless. "This further validates our industry leading approach to bring secure, high-speed wireless connectivity to customers around the world."

The Merlin V620 PC Card Modem increases productivity by allowing business customers to stay connected with secure, high-speed access to email, the Internet and corporate networks using a laptop PC. Transmitting data at speeds up to 2.4 Mbps, the Merlin V620 has a dual band diversity antenna that enhances performance by maximizing data throughput. It operates on the EV-DO and CDMA2000 1X 800 and 1900 MHz networks in Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East and North America.

A list of winners in each of this year's award categories is posted at <http://www.mobilevillage.com/awards.htm>.

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 visit www.novatelwireless.com (NVTLG).

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About MobileVillage(R)

A pioneer in developing the enterprise mobile technology market since 1993, MobileVillage(R) / PDA Inc. is a market and solution development company dedicated to advancing mobile and wireless enterprise computing within select vertical and horizontal market segments. The company has fostered countless technical and professional alliances through conferences; news; product promotions and awards; and "Best of Breed" solution identification. Visit MobileVillage online at www.mobilevillage.com.

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