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Novatel Wireless to Report Third Quarter Results on Thursday, October 28th

SAN DIEGO, C.A. - October 13, 2004 - Novatel Wireless, Inc. (Nasdaq: NVTL) a leading provider of wireless broadband access solutions, today announced that it will report financial results for its third quarter on Thursday, October 28th, 2004 after the market close.

The Company will host a conference call for analysts and investors to discuss its quarterly results at 5:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, October 28th, 2004. Open to the public, a live Web cast of the conference call will be accessible from the "Investor Relations" section of the Novatel Wireless web site (www.novatelwireless.com). Following the live Web cast, an archived version will be available on the Novatel Wireless web site.

ABOUT NOVATEL WIRELESS, INC.

Novatel Wireless, Inc. is a leading provider of wireless broadband access solutions. Novatel Wireless' Merlin™ PC Cards, Expedite™ Embedded Modems, Freedom Box™ Ruggedized Modems and MobiLink Communications Software Suite enable high-speed wireless access to personal, corporate and public information via portable computers, handheld devices and vertical market applications. 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.

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