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Novatel Wireless Supplies O2 Germany with 3G Global PC Card to Provide International Mobile High-Speed Data Services; Merlin U630 Offers Mobile Workers High-Speed Internet, Email and Corporate Network Access

SAN DIEGO & MUNICH, Germany, May 02, 2005 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Novatel Wireless, Inc. (Nasdaq:NVTL), a leading provider of wireless broadband access solutions today announces it will supply O2 (Germany) GmbH & Co with the Merlin U630(TM) Wireless PC Card Modem, offering O2 Germany subscribers international mobile roaming capabilities. First commercial shipments of the Merlin U630 to O2 Germany are scheduled beginning in May 2005.

Using the Novatel Wireless Merlin U630, O2 Germany will provide its more than 7 million subscribers with high-speed broadband access to email, the Internet and corporate files at speeds of up to 384 kilobits per second. The Merlin U630 enables wireless connectivity on UMTS 2100 MHz bands in Asia, Europe and the Middle East and GSM/GPRS 900/1800/1900 MHz bands across the globe. Remote workers can easily and conveniently stay connected to customers, partners and co-workers from any location within O2's network of operators, providing businesses with a competitive advantage.

"The Merlin U630 is a step up from traditional 3G data solutions, now providing users with truly international mobile broadband connectivity," said Helge Alter, vice president Devices/SIM & Applications at O2 Germany. "Novatel Wireless continues to pioneer in the broadband data industry by developing innovative, high-quality wireless data solutions that simplify the lives of both corporate users and consumers. Working closely with Novatel Wireless, we will deliver the convenience of broadband connectivity in Germany and across the globe."

"We are pleased to build on our relationship with O2 as we roll out the Merlin U630," said Rob Hadley, senior vice president of worldwide sales and marketing at Novatel Wireless. "Novatel Wireless continues to lead in the broadband data market by providing the most advanced solutions available, with the international reach mobile users demand."

Novatel Wireless is the worldwide leader in UMTS PC Card sales with Merlin UMTS PC Cards available from 15 operators in 18 countries throughout Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East and North America.

ABOUT O2 (Germany) GmbH & Co. OHG

O2 (Germany) GmbH & Co. OHG, a subsidiary of mmO2 plc, offers its post-paid and pre-paid subscribers almost blanket coverage in Germany via its own mobile communications network and a roaming agreement with T-Mobile. In addition, the company provides innovative mobile data services on the basis of GPRS and UMTS technology. mmO2 plc has 23,2 million subscribers in the UK, Ireland and Germany.

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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