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NovAtel Wins Contract to Complete Capital Project Study in Costa Rica

- The Company will use its Outrider®-DL dual frequency surveying system to determine bid specifications for the proposed reconstruction of the National Road No. 36, the roadway that links the City of Puerto Limón and Sixaola City.

(Calgary, Alberta, Canada, June 15, 1999) — NovAtel Inc. (NASDAQ: NGPS), a global positioning systems manufacturer and its partner, GOPS Servicios De Consultoria S.A. (GOPS) and senior officials from a branch of Costa Rica's Ministry of Public Works and Transportation today jointly signed an agreement to conduct a capital project study of the roadway that links the City of Puerto Limón and Sixaola City, a total of 92 kilometers. The study is valued at \$CDN 580,000.

As part of the project study, NovAtel and GOPS will work with Consejo Nacional de Vialidad (CONAVI) to provide GPS surveying services using NovAtel's Outrider®, a dual frequency GPS surveying product.

CONAVI, since its establishment, has focused on the creation of a strategic plan and annual investment/expenditure programs needed to maintain and correct the tremendous deterioration of the Costa Rican highway system.

The survey will identify bid specifications for the proposed reconstruction of the National Road No. 36 that links the city of Puerto Limón and Sixaola City, on the border with Panama, a total distance of 92.4 kilometres.

National Road 36, has important agricultural and tourist potential which has been affected by a number of natural disasters over time such as the earthquake in 1991 and several hurricanes (CESAR and MITCH). These natural disasters have caused severe damage to the road and bridge infrastructure, making road reconstruction one of CONVAI's top priorities.

"Financial resources have been allocated for improvement work and road reconstruction," explains Randy Mabbott, Sr. Vice President Corporate Affairs. "However, all the engineering plans, designs and specifications to prepare for a public tender have yet to be undertaken," he adds.

"The work we will complete on this project will give us a stronger foothold in the region and increase our understanding of what is required. We're looking forward to working on such a challenging project."

A portion of the joint funding for this project will be provided by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). NovAtel has previously worked with CIDA in Costa Rica.

NovAtel Inc. designs markets and supports a broad range of products that determine precise geographic locations using the Global Positioning System ("GPS"). NovAtel's GPS products are used principally for applications in high-end markets such as surveying, geographic information systems, aviation, marine, mining and machine control and agriculture.

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