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NovAtel Receives US \$1.35 Million Order from Agsystems Pty Ltd. GPS Receivers to be used in BEELINE Navigatorä Precision Guidance System

(Calgary, Alberta, Canada, May 17, 2001) – NovAtel Inc. (NASDAQ:NGPS) announced today that Agsystems Pty Ltd. of Brisbane, Australia has once again chosen NovAtel as the supplier of the GPS engines for their BEELINE Navigator™ precision guidance system. The US\$1,350,000 order consists of NovAtel's OEM4 receivers, featuring its latest PAC™ technology.

Using a combination of NovAtel's GPS technology and INS (Inertial Navigation System), the BEELINE Navigator delivers hands-free steering to a GPS measurement accuracy of less than one inch.

“NovAtel has worked closely with Agsystems for over three years. This order reflects our strengthening business relationship and demonstrates the high level of confidence that Agsystems has in NovAtel technology,” said Dave Vaughn, President and CEO of NovAtel.

"NovAtel's commitment to Agsystems, their dedication to technological innovation and focus on delivering a quality product that meets end user needs, have made them an outstanding technology partner to help grow our business and expand our markets," said Robert Mailler, Founder of Agsystems.

While pursuing international distribution and making strong sales from its offices throughout Australia and in the US, Agsystems maintains a strong focus on customer relations with a continued commitment to product development and enhancement.

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 the surveying, geographic information systems, aviation, marine, mining and machine control, agriculture and precise timing markets. For further information please visit our website at <http://www.novatel.ca>.

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