

NOVATEL ELECTS NEW DIRECTORS

Calgary, Alberta, Canada, July 23, 2001 – NovAtel Inc. (Nasdaq: NGPS) is pleased to announce the election of Mr. David E. Vaughn and Mr. Werner Gartner to the Company's Board of Directors. In addition, the previous Board of Directors consisting of W. James Close, Richard D. Orman, Horst Pudwill, Joel A. Schleicher and Gregory A. Yeldon were re-elected at the Annual Shareholders Meeting held July 13, 2001. Mr. Pierre Y. Ducros resigned from the Board in April 2001.

Mr. Vaughn has been President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since February 2001. Mr. Vaughn has over 10 years of senior management experience in the GPS industry and over 25 years' experience in technology-focused companies. Recently, he had been Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Officer at Magellan Corporation. He has also held several senior management positions at Trimble Navigation Limited, including Executive Vice President, Corporate Business Development.

Mr. Gartner has been Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company since October 1996. Mr. Gartner previously served in a variety of financial positions at the Company including Vice President, Finance and Corporate Controller.

“We are pleased to welcome Mr. Gartner and Mr. Vaughn to the Board of Directors. Their combined years of industry and management experience will serve to strengthen our Board,” said Jim Close, the Company's Chairman of the Board.

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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