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**NovAtel GPS Receivers Provide Satellite Reference Information for
QUALCOMM's Commercially Available SnapWARN Data Feed Service
Supporting gpsOne Wireless Location Systems**

(Calgary, Alberta, Canada, December 17, 2001) – NovAtel Inc. (NASDAQ: NGPS) announced today that its OEM4 Global Positioning System receiver is a core component of the SnapWARN™ Wide Area GPS Reference Network deployed by SnapTrack™, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of QUALCOMM Incorporated (NASDAQ: QCOM). The NovAtel OEM4 GPS receivers are used in SnapTrack's commercially available SnapWARN GPS data feed service to provide constant, high quality GPS satellite information in support of gpsOne™-based wireless location systems operated by wireless carriers in North America.

The SnapWARN system consists of an interconnected network of NovAtel OEM4 GPS reference receivers sited around the United States and fully redundant communications links connected to data gateways and location servers operating SnapSmart™ Position Determination Entity (PDE) software for QUALCOMM's gpsOne position location solution, enhanced by SnapTrack Wireless Assisted GPS™ technology. The SnapWARN GPS system continuously monitors the 24+-satellite GPS constellation via the NovAtel OEM4 receiver network, and provides this reference information to the PDE via a 24/7 high-availability backbone. The SnapWARN system provides coverage for North America, including Canada and Mexico, as well as Hawaii and Puerto Rico. The system can also be deployed to support service providers in other markets utilizing SnapTrack's location software products.

“We are excited that NovAtel GPS reference technology has an integral role in the SnapWARN wireless location system,” said David Vaughn, NovAtel's President and Chief Executive Officer. “Accuracy and reliability of core positioning information is the critical building block for all the new Location Based Services and E911 networks and this service keeps SnapTrack in the leadership position in this new and exciting market.”

“We chose NovAtel as our GPS reference network provider because of the proven quality and reliability of their products for 24-by-7 operations like SnapWARN,” said Tom Wrappe, senior vice president, marketing and product management for SnapTrack. “NovAtel's receivers provide us with a cost-effective, high-precision solution for the SnapWARN system, and we have found them to be exceptionally robust in the field.”

SnapTrack is currently working with a number of North American carriers that will utilize SnapWARN GPS data to support position location systems for gpsOne-based Enhanced 911 emergency phone location systems, as well as other value-added location-based services.

Headquartered in Campbell, California, SnapTrack is focused on integrating GPS and two-way wireless technologies. SnapTrack's patented architecture offers anytime, anywhere, accurate, high-speed location of a wireless caller, even inside buildings where conventional GPS does not operate. SnapTrack pioneered Wireless Assisted GPS and owns patents that are fundamental to the cost-effective deployment of Wireless Assisted GPS-based location systems. The Company's Wireless Assisted GPS products include the SnapSmart location server software system, the SnapCore™ multi-mode GPS solution and the SnapWARN GPS reference service. SnapTrack has

commercial agreements with major wireless chipset vendors that provide most of the wireless modem chipsets to the industry. In addition, many major carriers have chosen to deploy products and services incorporating SnapTrack technology. SnapTrack is a wholly owned subsidiary of QUALCOMM Incorporated. For more information, please visit www.snaptrack.com.

QUALCOMM Incorporated (www.qualcomm.com) is a leader in developing and delivering innovative digital wireless communications products and services based on the Company's Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) digital technology. The Company's business areas include CDMA chipsets and system software; technology licensing; the Binary Runtime Environment for Wireless™ (BREW™) applications platform; Eudora® e-mail software; digital cinema systems; and satellite-based systems including portions of the Globalstar™ system and wireless fleet management systems, OmniTRACS® and OmniExpress®. QUALCOMM owns patents that are essential to all of the CDMA wireless telecommunications standards that have been adopted or proposed for adoption by standards-setting bodies worldwide. QUALCOMM has licensed its essential CDMA patent portfolio to more than 100 telecommunications equipment manufacturers worldwide. Headquartered in San Diego, Calif., QUALCOMM is included in the S&P 500 Index and is a 2001 FORTUNE 500® company traded on The Nasdaq Stock Market® under the ticker symbol QCOM.

NovAtel Inc. is the principle supplier of reference receivers to WAAS ground networks around the world, and 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 www.novatel.com.

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