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NovAtel Wins EGNOS Contract

(Calgary, Alta, Canada, August 9, 1999) – NovAtel Inc. (NASDAQ: NGPS), a global positioning systems manufacturer, today announced that it has been awarded an initial contract to supply wide area reference receivers for the European Geo-stationary Overlay System (EGNOS).

NovAtel is teamed with Racal Avionics Ltd., London, UK, to supply one section of the EGNOS Remote Integrity Monitoring System (RIMS-C). Under the leadership of Racal, the Racal/NovAtel RIMS-C channel will provide integrity and correction data within the EGNOS ground network.

Under the initial contract, NovAtel will develop new receiver processing for Satellite Failure Detection, and begin software qualification to RTCA DO-178B level D. In addition, NovAtel will deliver a number of receivers for use in development activities at Racal and NovAtel.

"This award adds to the company's success with the WAAS receiver program currently active in the US and Japan," said Doug Reid, NovAtel's President & Chief Executive Officer. "We are looking forward to the opportunity to work with Racal Avionics to participate in the development of Europe's GPS augmentation system."

According to Tony Murfin, Director of NovAtel's Aviation Group, "NovAtel's success is largely due to the company's excellent receiver product, its leading-edge technology, and the support of the Canadian Space Agency (CSA), European Space Agency (ESA), UK National Air Traffic Services, and Racal Avionics."

The EGNOS receivers have the same hardware configuration as the NovAtel Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) receivers, with added software qualification and functionality. Following a successful Preliminary Design Review, currently scheduled for early 2000, NovAtel will complete software proving and qualification activities, and go on to deliver one additional development model and put into production a total of 18 EGNOS receiver systems.

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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