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New NovAtel GPS Receiver Addresses OEM Market Trends

(Nashville, TN, USA, September 15, 1999) - NovAtel Inc. (NASDAQ: NGPS), a Global Positioning System ("GPS") manufacturer, launched its latest generation receiver – OEM4 – here at the 12th International Technical Meeting of the Satellite Division of the Institute of Navigation.

The OEM4 has been designed to meet current demands of OEM integrators including smaller physical size, lower power consumption, higher performance, easier integration and competitive pricing. "With OEM being an important component of NovAtel's customer base, we were well positioned to design a product that addresses the unique requirements of system integration," says Graham Purves, Vice President Sales and Marketing, NovAtel. The OEM4 has been specifically targeted to systems integrators in markets including machine control, mining, agriculture, marine navigation and surveying.

NovAtel's custom, proprietary chip, MINOS4, is the core technology in this new receiver. The advanced design of the chip allows new milestones in size, power and performance. "The OEM4 measures only 85 X 125mm. This means it is the smallest GPS receiver available on the market today that can track 12 satellites in real-time and deliver two centimeter accuracy while consuming less than three watts of power," says Curtis Anderson, NovAtel 's OEM4 Project Manager. "What this means to the integrator is smaller, lighter, more portable and more accurate products."

The design of the OEM4 also facilitates integration by allowing for total control and flexibility in product design. This includes the ability to customise data logs, monitor voltage and temperature, and drive LED and status lines.

Beta test site models will be available in Q3, 1999 with a full market release expected for Q1, 2000. Available models include a single card OEM platform for embedded systems ranging from single frequency C/A code plus carrier tracking with one meter or less positioning accuracy, to dual frequency C/A code plus P code full wavelength carrier tracking with two centimeter real-time positioning accuracy. An enclosure – PowerPak® IV –for standalone applications will also be available.

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

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