

## NovAtel Signs EGNOS Contract

(Calgary, Alberta, Canada, October 30, 2000) – NovAtel Inc. (NASDAQ: NGPS) announced today that the Company has signed a contract with Thomson-Racal Avionics Ltd. (TRA) for the EGNOS RIMS-C receiver program. EGNOS is the European Geostationary Navigation Overlay System managed by the European Space Agency which is the European equivalent of the US FAA Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS), and RIMS-C (Remote Integrity Monitoring System – C) is the designation for the ground reference system being provided by TRA to Alcatel Space Industries (the EGNOS prime contractor) for EGNOS.

NovAtel worked with TRA (previously Racal Avionics Ltd.) from July 1999 under a preliminary authorization to proceed on the first phase of the EGNOS RIMS-C receiver program, under which prototype Satellite Failure Detection (SFD) software was demonstrated and four prototype receivers were delivered. Under the new contract, NovAtel will qualify the software of their existing WAAS receivers to RTCA Level D, add SFD for integrity monitoring, develop jointly with TRA an SFD simulator and deliver 16 production reference receivers known as “RIMS-C receivers” to TRA for incorporation in production RIMS-C reference systems. The overall contract value is approximately €73.5 million, of which €7800,000 has already been funded under the earlier phase of the program, with an escalation provision which compensates for changes in value of the Euro (€). The majority of the remaining program revenue is to be generated during 2001.

“We are extremely pleased to have successfully concluded this EGNOS receiver agreement with Thomson-Racal Avionics,” said Doug Reid, President and Chief Executive Officer. “This is yet another WAAS related contract for NovAtel which demonstrates our expertise in this area.”

“We’ve worked very hard with TRA to develop unique satellite failure detection features for the EGNOS system, and we can now go forward with implementation and fielding of the systems,” said Tony Murfin, Director Aviation Group. “We are very pleased to be part of the European wide area system, and look forward to future expansions of the European network. We once more acknowledge the support we have received from the Canadian Space Agency to help us secure this contract.”

The hardware of these NovAtel EGNOS RIMS-C receivers is the same as those used in the United States WAAS and Japanese MSAS (MTSAT Satellite-based Augmentation System), and the Chinese SNAS (Satellite Navigation Augmentation System). NovAtel's WAAS type receivers address the enhanced accuracy and integrity verification requirements of national Wide Area Augmentation Systems. These complex receivers incorporate NovAtel's patented Narrow Correlator® tracking technology and MEDLL, process WAAS signals from geo-stationary satellites and include L1/L2 processing using MiLLennium® dual frequency receivers.

NovAtel 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. For further information please visit our website at <http://www.novatel.ca>.

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