

# NOVELLUS ANNOUNCES A CHANGE IN THE TIME OF THE FIRST QUARTER 2004 EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL WEBCAST ON APRIL 12, 2004

SAN JOSE, Calif., April 7, 2004--Novellus Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq NM: NVLS), the productivity and innovation leader in advanced deposition, surface preparation and chemical mechanical planarization processes for the global semiconductor industry, today announced a change in the time of its first quarter 2004 earnings results conference call to be held Monday, April 12, 2004. The new time is 2:30 p.m. PDT. The call will be available via an audio webcast that can be accessed on Novellus' Investor Relations home page, located at [www.novellus.com/](http://www.novellus.com/). A replay of the webcast will be available following the conference call.

## About Novellus:

Novellus Systems, Inc., an S&P 500 company, manufactures, markets and services advanced deposition, surface preparation and chemical mechanical planarization equipment for today's advanced integrated circuits. Our products are designed for high-volume production of advanced, leading-edge semiconductor devices at the lowest possible cost. Headquartered in San Jose, Calif., with subsidiaries throughout the United States, as well as in the United Kingdom, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Ireland, Israel, Italy, India, China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore and Taiwan, we are a publicly traded company on the Nasdaq stock exchange (Nasdaq: NVLS) and a component of the Nasdaq-100 Index®. Additional information about Novellus is available on our home page at [www.novellus.com/](http://www.novellus.com/)

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