

Novellus Announces Availability and Timing of Mid-Quarter Update Conference Call Webcast for Second Quarter 2010

SAN JOSE, Calif., May 13, 2010- Novellus Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq: NVLS) today announced that it will provide its mid-quarter update for the second quarter 2010 in a conference call to be held Thursday, May 27, 2010, beginning at 1:30 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. replay of the webcast will be available for seven days following the conference call.

About Novellus:

Novellus Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: NVLS) is a leading provider of advanced process equipment for the global semiconductor industry. The company's products deliver value to customers by providing innovative technology backed by trusted productivity. An S&P 500 company, Novellus is headquartered in San Jose, Calif. with subsidiary offices across the globe. For more information please visit www.novellus.com.

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