## NOVELLUS ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY AND TIMING OF MID-QUARTER UPDATE CONFERENCE CALL WEBCAST FOR FOURTH QUARTER 2010

SAN JOSE, Calif., November 23, 2010- Novellus Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq: NVLS) today announced that it will provide its mid-quarter update for the fourth quarter 2010 in a conference call to be held Tuesday, December 7, 2010, beginning at 1:30 p.m. PST. The call will be available via an audio webcast that can be accessed on Novellus' Investor Relations home page, located at <a href="https://www.novellus.com/">www.novellus.com/</a>. A 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 <a href="https://www.novellus.com">www.novellus.com</a>

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