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NOVELLUS ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY AND TIMING OF MID-QUARTER UPDATE CONFERENCE CALL WEBCAST FOR FIRST QUARTER 2002 SAN JOSE, Calif., Feb. 11, 2002 - Novellus Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq: NVLS), the productivity and innovation leader in advanced deposition and surface preparation processes for the global semiconductor industry, today announced that it will provide its mid-quarter update for the first quarter 2002 in a conference call to be held Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002 beginning at 1:30 p.m. PST. The call will be available to listeners via an audio webcast that can be accessed from Novellus' home page located at www.novellus.com/. A replay of the call will be available on Novellus' home page for seven days following the conference call.

About Novellus Systems:

Novellus Systems, Inc., an S&P 500 company, manufactures, markets and services advanced deposition and surface preparation equipment for today's advanced integrated circuits. The company's 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 U.S. as well as the United Kingdom, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Spain, Ireland, Israel, Italy, China, Japan, Korea, Singapore and Taiwan, Novellus is a publicly traded company on the Nasdaq stock exchange (Nasdaq: NVLS) and a component of the Nasdaq-100 Index ® . Additional information about the company is available on Novellus' home page at www.novellus.com

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