NOVELLUS APPOINTS DR. GINO ADDIEGO AS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF CORPORATE OPERATIONS

SAN JOSE, Calif., Feb. 10, 2005--Novellus Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq NM: NVLS), the productivity and technology leader in advanced deposition, surface preparation and chemical mechanical planarization processes for the global semiconductor industry, today announced the appointment of Dr. Gino Addiego (46) as senior vice president of corporate operations. He will oversee all of the company's manufacturing operations, systems engineering, facilities, information technology and human resources, as well as Novellus' Customer Integration Center (CIC) located at the San Jose, California campus.

Dr. Addiego joins Novellus after more than eight years at Applied Materials, where he was responsible for global operations (including manufacturing and supply chain), central engineering, information technology, facilities, as well as all the product groups. Prior to joining Applied Materials, he worked at KLA Tencor and Photon Dynamics.

Dr. Addiego received both his bachelor's degree and doctorate in Electrical Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley.

"Gino brings a unique blend of knowledge, skills and abilities, which will help drive efficiencies throughout our entire systems and processes, as Novellus continues to grow market share and expand its product portfolio," said Richard S. Hill, chairman and chief executive officer of Novellus. "Gino is a distinguished executive in the semiconductor equipment industry, and Novellus will benefit from his strong knowledge and track record of success. I believe his personality and style will make him an ideal fit with the rest of the Novellus executive team."

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.

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