NOVELLUS ANNOUNCES WEBCAST OF ITS PRESENTATION AT THE THOMAS WEISEL PARTNERS 2006 TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

SAN JOSE, Calif., Feb. 1, 2006 Novellus Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq NM: NVLS), the productivity and technology leader in advanced process equipment for the global semiconductor industry, today announced that William H. Kurtz, executive vice president and chief financial officer, will present at the Thomas Weisel Partners Technology Conference on Tuesday, February 7, 2006. The presentation will begin at 9:10 a.m. PST, and will be made available over the Internet via a live webcast.

The live webcast presentation may be accessed via Novellus' Investor Relations home page at www.novellus.com/. A replay of the webcast will be available for seven days following the conference.

About Novellus:

Novellus Systems, Inc., an S&P 500 company, manufactures, markets and services advanced deposition, ultraviolet thermal processing (UVTP), 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). Additional information about Novellus is available on our home page at www.novellus.com.

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