NOVELLUS ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY AND TIMING OF THIRD QUARTER 2006 EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL WEBCAST

SAN JOSE, Calif., October 2, 2006 Novellus Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq: NVLS), today announced that it will provide its third quarter 2006 earnings in a conference call to be held Tuesday, October 17, 2006, 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. A replay of the webcast will be available until October 17, 2007.

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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