NOVELLUS AND YERBA BUENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCE A LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP AND VENUE SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

SAN JOSE, Calif. - June 16, 2008 - Novellus Systems and Yerba Buena Center for the Arts (YBCA) in San Francisco today announced a long-term venue sponsorship to mark the 10th anniversary of their relationship. During the past decade, Novellus has been a regular donor to YBCA, in addition to using the venue for product launches and investor meetings during the semiconductor equipment industry's annual exhibition. Included in the sponsorship agreement are the naming rights to the YBCA's 750-seat Theater, which will be re-named the Novellus Theater. Funding from Novellus will be used to enhance visual art exhibitions, performing arts, film programs and community engagement events at YBCA.

"For 15 years, YBCA has been a leader in presenting dynamic and innovative contemporary art," said Ken Foster, executive director of YBCA. "The partnership with Novellus Systems, which is part of a larger naming campaign at YBCA, allows us to expand and diversify our programming in ways that we would not otherwise be able to."

"The partnership between Novellus Systems and YBCA is grounded in a shared value - the willingness to take a different approach. For Novellus, that means meeting customer challenges with innovative and perhaps unconventional solutions. For YBCA, it means bringing unique and cutting-edge programming to the community it serves," said Richard S. Hill, chairman and CEO of Novellus Systems. "We believe that supporting the efforts and mission of YBCA is a great way to give back to the community."

About YBCA:
Yerba Buena Center for the Arts is the Bay Area's premier venue for contemporary visual art, performance and film/video. Located in the heart of downtown San Francisco, YBCA celebrates our area's cultural diversity with dynamic arts programs presented in world-class venues.

Local, national and international dance, theater and music performances are scheduled year-round in the Forum and the Theater as part of our YBCA performance series. Overlapping contemporary art exhibitions are scheduled year-round in our galleries and evening film/video screenings are programmed throughout the year in our Screening Room. Public Programs explore YBCA's exciting range of exhibitions, performances and film/video programs. For tickets and information, call 415.978.ARTS (2787) or visit www.ybca.org.

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.

---

https://newsroom.lamresearch.com/2008-06-16-NOVELLUS-AND-YERBA-BUENA-CENTER-FOR-THE-ARTS-ANNOUNCE-A-LONG-TERM-PARTNERSHIP-AND-VENUE-SPONSORSHIP-AGREEMENT