NOVELLUS ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF THE WEBCAST OF ITS PRESENTATION AT CITIGROUP'S 15TH ANNUAL GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

SAN JOSE, Calif., August 20, 2008 — Novellus Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq: NVLS), today announced that the company will present on Wednesday, September 3, 2008, at Citigroup's 15th Annual Global Technology Conference. The presentation will begin at 9:50 a.m. EDT 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 atwww.novellus.com/. A replay of the webcast will be available for seven days following the conference.

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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