NOVELLUS ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF THE WEBCAST OF ITS PRESENTATION AT THE 11TH ANNUAL NEEDHAM GROWTH STOCK CONFERENCE

SAN JOSE, Calif., December 18, 2008- Novellus Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq: NVLS), today announced that the company will present on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, at the 11th Annual Needham Growth Stock Conference. The presentation will begin at 9:00 a.m. EST 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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