NOVELLUS ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF THE WEBCAST OF ITS PRESENTATION AT THE 14TH ANNUAL NEEDHAM GROWTH CONFERENCE

SAN JOSE, Calif., January 5, 2012- Novellus Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq: NVLS) today announced that the company will present on Thursday, January 12, 2012, at the 14th Annual Needham Growth Conference. The presentation will begin at 8:40 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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