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July 9, 2007

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Re: Novatel Wireless, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006
Filed on March 16, 2007
Form 8-K Filed on May 1, 2007
File No. 000-31659

Dear Mr. Halvorson:

We have reviewed the above referenced filings and have the following comments. Please note that we have limited our review to the matters addressed in the comments below. We may ask you to provide us with supplemental information so we may better understand your disclosure. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. After reviewing this information, we may raise additional comments.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone numbers listed at the end of this letter.

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Item 9A. Controls and Procedures, page 33

1. We note your statement that a "controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives." Please revise to state clearly, if true, that your disclosure controls and procedures are *designed to* provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and that your principal executive officer and

principal financial officer concluded that your disclosure controls and procedures are effective at that reasonable assurance level. In the alternative, remove the reference to the level of assurance of your disclosure controls and procedures. Please refer to Section II.F.4 of Management's Reports on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Certification of Disclosure in Exchange Act Periodic Reports, SEC Release No. 33-8238, available on our website at <http://www.sec.gov/rules/final/33-8238.htm>.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1: Nature of Business and Significant Accounting Policies

Revenue Recognition, page F-8

2. We note that the Company recognizes revenue from the sale of your wireless modems in accordance with SAB 104. We further note, however, that the Company also sells a suite of software products called MobiLink Mobile Communications. Please tell us the amount of revenues generated from the sales of your software products for each period presented. Also, tell us how you account for such sales and tell us whether you considered including a discussion of SOP 97-2 in your accounting policy footnotes.

Other

3. We note from your disclosure on page 7 that you have certain distribution and fulfillment services in the Middle East. Please advise us of all the countries in the Middle East in which you operate and do business.

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4. We note your use of non-GAAP measures in the Form 8-K filed on May 1, 2007 which excludes a recurring item such as stock option expense. Tell us how you considered Question 8 of Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures to include the following disclosures for each of your non-GAAP measures:
 - the manner in which management uses the non-GAAP measure to conduct or evaluate its business;
 - the economic substance behind management's decision to use such a measure;
 - the material limitations associated with use of the non-GAAP financial measure as compared to the use of the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure;
 - the manner in which management compensates for these limitations when using the non-GAAP financial measure; and

- the substantive reasons why management believes the non-GAAP financial measure provides useful information to investors.

In this regard, we believe you should further enhance your disclosures to comply with Item 10(e)(1)(i)(C) and (D) of Regulation S-K and Question 8 of the related FAQ to demonstrate the usefulness of your non-GAAP financial measures which excludes certain recurring item, especially since these measures appear to be used to evaluate performance. Your current disclosures regarding the reasons for presenting these non-GAAP measures appear overly broad considering that companies and investors may differ as to which items warrant adjustment and what constitutes core operating results.

5. We also believe the non-GAAP operating statement columnar format appearing in the Form 8-K filed on May 1, 2007 may create the unwarranted impression to investors that the non-GAAP operating statement has been prepared under a comprehensive set of accounting rules or principles while also conveying undue prominence to a statement based on non-GAAP measures. In addition, Section II.A.2 of SEC Release 33-8176 defines non-GAAP measures and does not contemplate including non-GAAP financial statements as a "measure." Please remove that presentation, or explain to us in reasonable detail why its retention is justified in light of these concerns. As a substitute for this presentation format, you may consider presenting only individual non-GAAP measures (i.e., line items, subtotals, etc.) provided each one complies with Item 10 of Regulation S-K and the Division of Corporation Finance's Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures, Question 8.

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As appropriate, please amend your filing and respond to these comments within 10 business days or tell us when you will provide us with a response. Please submit all correspondence and supplemental materials on EDGAR as required by Rule 101 of Regulation S-T. You may wish to provide us with marked copies of any amendment to expedite our review. Please furnish a cover letter with any amendment that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested information. Detailed cover letters greatly facilitate our review. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing any amendment and your responses to our comments.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing reviewed by the staff to be certain that they have provided all information investors require for an informed decision. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In connection with responding to our comments, please provide, in writing, a statement from the company acknowledging that:

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- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

In addition, please be advised that the Division of Enforcement has access to all information you provide to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance in our review of your filing or in response to our comments on your filing.

You may contact Kari Jin, Staff Accountant at (202) 551-3481 or the undersigned (202) 551-3499 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Collins
Accounting Branch Chief