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Mr. Jonathan G. Katz
Secretary Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20549

Re: Securities and Exchange Commission Order Number 4-460

Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") Order Number 4-460, enclosed please find for filing with the Commission the sworn statements of both the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Novellus Systems, Inc. required pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yours sincerely,

Richard S. Hill
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosures

cc: William D. Sherman, Esq.
Mary Anne Becking, Esq.

I, Richard S. Hill, Chief Executive Officer of Novellus Systems, Inc. (the "Company"), state and attest that:

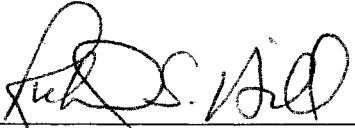
(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of the Company, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.

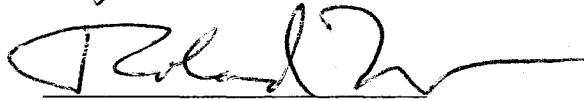
(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001 filed with the Commission on March 21, 2002;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of the Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

By: 
 Richard S. Hill
 Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 6, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of August 2002.



Notary Public
My Commission Expires: October 8, 2003

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