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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, DC 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
 Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5
 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

(Print of Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Major	John	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)

9360 Towne Centre Drive, Suite 110		

(Street)		
San Diego	CA	92121
(City)	(State)	(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Novatel Wireless, Inc. (NVTLD)

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Day/Year

October 2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable line)

Form Filed by One Reporting Person
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,
 or Beneficially Owned
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & Instr.4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.4)
				(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share						25,813(1)	D	

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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriva- tive Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (mm/dd/ yy)	3A. Deemed Execut- ion Date if any (mm/dd/ yy)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of(D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expira- tion		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares	8. Price of Deriva- tive Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	9. Number of deriv- ative Secur- ities Bene- ficially Owned Follow- ing Reported Trans- action(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Owner- ship Form of Deriva- tive Secur- ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship (Instr. 4)	
Incentive Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	\$75.00 (1)	7/24/00	7/24/00			7/24/01	7/24/10	Common Stock	4,799 (1)	\$75.00 (1)		D	
Non-Quali- fied Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	\$75.00 (1)	7/24/00	7/24/00			7/24/01	7/24/10	Common Stock	197,636 (1)	\$75.00 (1)		D	
Warrants (Right to Buy)	\$18.00 (1)	12/21/01	12/21/01			(2)	12/21/05	Common Stock	6,493 (1)	\$18.00 (1)		D	
Incentive Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	\$16.80 (1)	1/30/02	1/30/02			1/30/03	1/30/12	Common Stock	8,768 (1)	\$16.80 (1)		D	
Non-Quali- fied Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	\$16.80 (1)	1/30/02	1/30/02			1/30/03	1/30/12	Common Stock	57,898 (1)	\$16.80 (1)		D	
Non-Quali- fied Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	\$2.23(3)	10/31/02	10/31/02	J(3)	A	4/30/03	10/31/12	Common Stock	115,714 (3)	\$2.23 (3)	391,308	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Effective as of October 29, 2002, Novatel Wireless, Inc. (the "Company") effected a combination of all the issued and outstanding shares of its common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, in a ratio of 1 share for every 15 shares surrendered (hereinafter, the "Reverse Split"). Further information about the Reverse Split may be found in the Company's filing on Form 8-K made with the SEC on October 22, 2002. All the share and option amounts contained in this filing on Form 4 accordingly reflect the effectiveness of the Reverse Split.
- (2) Warrants issued in December 2001 and are currently exercisable.
- (3) Pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated 2000 Employee Stock Incentive Plan (the "Option Plan"), the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors authorized and approved, effective following the close of business on October 31, 2002, the issuance, to all Company employees, of options to purchase shares of common stock, in each case at an exercise price of \$2.23 per share. The options subject to such grants

shall become vested and immediately exercisable on the sixth month anniversary of the grant, subject to the other terms and conditions of the Option Plan.

/s/ Patrick T. Waters, Attorney-in-Fact

November 4, 2002

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.