FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     SOUISSI SLIM S							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NOVATEL WIRELESS INC [ NVTL ]								able)	) Perso	on(s) to Issu	ner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 9645 SCRANTON ROAD SUITE 205						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2012								X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  SVP & CTO							
(Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92121					4.										Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)																					
Table I - Non-Deriv  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Trans: Date (Month/It					sactio	on	2A. Deer Execution	2A. Deemed Execution Date,		Dis action Instr.	4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		(A) or	5. Amoun Securities Beneficia Owned Fo	s lly ollowing	Form:	: Direct I Indirect I str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price Reported Transactio (Instr. 3 a								
Common Stock 03/11						/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>		11,981	A	\$0	92,053(2)		D						
Common Stock 03/11						2012			F <sup>(3)</sup>		5,017	D	\$3.33	87,036			D				
			Table II -						,		osed of, c		•	Owned							
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Day if any (Month/Day/	ate, Ti	Code (In		5. Numl Derivati Securiti Acquire Dispose (D) (Instand 5)	ive ies ed (A) or ed of	6. Date Exercise Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		te of Securities		ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported	e s illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)			
				С	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transactio (Instr. 4)	ni(S)					
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$3.44	03/08/2012			A		27,522		(4)		03/08/2022	Common Stock	27,522	\$0	27,522		D				
Restricted Stock Units	(5)	03/08/2012			A	73,319		(6)		(6)	Common Stock	73,319	\$0	170,600		D					
Restricted Stock	(5)	03/11/2012			M			11,981	(7)		(7)	Common Stock	11,981	\$0	158,61	19	D				

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Reflects partial vesting of Restricted Stock Units (RSU's) previously awarded to the Reporting Person.
- 2. Includes 2,169 shares acquired on November 15, 2011 under the issuers Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- 3. Automatic disposition of shares back to Issuer (and subsequent cancellation thereof) solely to satisfy immediate payroll tax withholding obligation triggered by the vesting of restricted stock. The Reporting Person received no proceeds from this transaction.
- 4. This option shall vest over three (3) years, one-third of which shall vest on the one-year anniversary of the grant date, followed by 24 months of ratable monthly vesting.
- 5. Converts into Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.
- 6. These RSU's vest one-third annually beginning on the first anniversary of the award date.
- 7. These Restricted Stock Units vest on the transacion date.

By: Patrick T. Waters For: Slim 03/12/2012 **Souissi** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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).

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