
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 5, 2007

NOVATEL WIRELESS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

COMMISSION FILE: 000-31659

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction or
incorporation or organization)

86-0824673
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**9645 Scranton Road, Suite 205
San Diego, CA 92121**
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 812-3400

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(e) On January 5, 2007, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Novatel Wireless, Inc. (the "Company") adopted a bonus plan applicable to the Company's executive officers for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007. Under the terms of the plan, each participant is eligible to receive a discretionary cash bonus from the Company in a dollar amount equal to a percentage of his or her annual base salary in effect as of the end of 2007 based on the achievement of certain individual, departmental and Company-wide 2007 performance targets. The bonuses could range in amounts up to 50% of the applicable base salary with other potential bonus payments possible for plan participants achieving additional objectives. All bonuses are expected to be determined and paid following the end of the Company's 2007 fiscal year. The Company has reserved the right to amend the plan in its sole discretion.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

Novatel Wireless, Inc.

Date: January 11, 2007

By: /s/ Catherine F. Ratcliffe

Catherine F. Ratcliffe

Vice President of Business Affairs and Corporate Secretary