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Nova Expands its Memory Presence with New XPS Orders

Rehovot, Israel – May 31, 2018 – Nova (Nasdaq: NVMI), a leading innovator and a key provider of metrology solutions for advanced process control used in semiconductor manufacturing, announced that a major memory customer in Asia recently placed multiple orders for its newest and most advanced X-Ray metrology solution.

The orders are for Nova's new VeraFlex III+ XF, the fifth generation in-line X-Ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) metrology tool. The new platform embeds an innovative hardware design that allows customers to improve sensitivity, precision and overall system productivity in a wide range of applications in both Memory and Logic/Foundry. The newly ordered tools will be installed in the customer's most advanced DRAM and 3D-NAND fabrication nodes for film thickness and composition measurements.

Nova expects more than \$20 million in aggregate business from this customer over the next twelve months, with shipments beginning in the second quarter of 2018.

"We are very proud of this achievement, which solidifies our position in the Materials Metrology space and is a result of the growing adoption of our in-line XPS platform with leading memory customers," said Adrian Wilson, General Manager of the Materials Metrology Division of Nova. "Following this win, we expect additional orders resulting from a combination of new applications development and an increase in our customer's manufacturing capacity."

About Nova: Nova delivers continuous innovation by providing advanced metrology solutions for the semiconductor manufacturing industry. Deployed with the world's largest integrated-circuit manufacturers, Nova's products deliver state-of-the-art, high-performance metrology solutions for effective process control throughout the semiconductor fabrication lifecycle. Nova's product portfolio, which combines high-precision hardware and cutting-edge software, supports the development and production of the most advanced devices in today's high-end semiconductor market. Nova's technical innovation and market leadership enable customers to improve process performance, enhance products' yields and accelerate time to market. Nova acts as a partner to semiconductor manufacturers from its offices around the world. Additional information may be found at www.novameasuring.com.

Nova is traded in NASDAQ & TASE under the symbol NVMI.

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