

Novelis Provides Bi-Weekly Status Update

ATLANTA, Dec. 5 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Novelis Inc. (NYSE: NVL) (TSX: NVL) today provided a status update pursuant to the policies of the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC) and the Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA). The Company reported that there have been no material developments in the matters initially reported in its press release of November 7, 2005, with the exception of the issuance by the OSC of a permanent management cease trade order.

On December 1, 2005, the OSC issued a permanent order that prohibits all trading by directors, officers and certain employees in the securities of Novelis. The Alberta Securities Commission and the Autorite des Marches Financiers issued similar orders with respect to insiders of the Company in Alberta and Quebec. These permanent orders replaced the temporary cease trade orders issued on November 21, 2005. The permanent management cease trade orders will remain in place until two full business days after the date the Company has made all filings required to be made under Canadian securities laws.

Novelis, which was spun-off by Alcan on January 6, 2005, is the global leader in aluminum rolled products and aluminum can recycling. The Company has 36 operating facilities in 11 countries and more than 13,000 employees. Novelis has the unparalleled capability to provide its customers with a regional supply of high-end rolled aluminum products throughout Asia, Europe, North America, and South America. Through its advanced production capabilities, the Company supplies aluminum sheet and foil to the automotive and transportation, beverage and food packaging, construction and industrial, and printing markets. For more information on Novelis, visit www.novelis.com.

Statements made in this news release which describe Novelis's intentions, expectations or predictions may be forward-looking statements within the meaning of securities laws. Novelis cautions that, by their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty and that Novelis's actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statements. Important factors which could cause such differences include the price of aluminum, global supply and demand conditions for rolled aluminum products, changes in the relative value of various currencies, demand and pricing within the principal markets for the Company's products, changes in government regulations, particularly those affecting environmental, health or safety compliance, economic developments, relationships with (and financial or operating conditions of) customers and suppliers, competition from other aluminum rolled products producers as well as from substitute materials such as steel, glass, plastic and composite materials, and the level of our indebtedness and ability to generate cash and other factors relating to the Company's ongoing operations. Reference should be made to Novelis's registration statement on form S-4 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a discussion of major risk factors.

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