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ATLANTA, Oct. 5, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Novelis, the global leader in aluminum rolling and recycling, was named winner of the 2012 Georgia Governor's International Awards in the International Deal of the Year category for opening its Global Research & Technology Center in Kennesaw earlier this year. The award recognized Novelis for its commitment to the Atlanta area and economic impact on the state.

Novelis' new Global Research & Technology Center serves as a hub for its R&D and engineering efforts to create aluminum for products including beverage cans, cars and consumer electronics. The center, which consolidated company research activities from other locations in Canada and the US and employs a team of people from around the world, officially opened in June and is located just north of the Novelis headquarters in Atlanta. A 160,000 sq ft facility, the state-of-the-art center contains testing laboratories, a pilot beverage can production line and meeting space. Continued expansion is planned.

"When looking for a place to bring together top scientists and engineers, as well as drive collaboration with our customers, the Atlanta area was the clear choice," said Stefan Erdmann, Novelis Vice President of Global R&D. "With our nearby headquarters, world class international airport and excellent universities, we couldn't have chosen a better location to develop the next generation of sustainable aluminum products."

Novelis currently employs approximately 600 people in the state of Georgia and is working with the Georgia Institute of Technology and Southern Polytechnic State University on research opportunities, recruitment and internships. A number of available positions, including engineers, technologists, and administrative personnel are posted at www.novelis.com/careers.

About Novelis

Novelis Inc. is the global leader in aluminum rolled products and the world's largest recycler of used aluminum cans. For fiscal year 2012, the company operated in 11 countries, had more than 11,000 employees and reported revenue of \$11.1 billion. Novelis supplies premium aluminum sheet and foil products to automotive, transportation, packaging, construction, industrial, electronics and printing markets throughout North America, Europe, Asia and South America. Novelis is a subsidiary of Hindalco Industries Limited (BSE: HINDALCO), one of Asia's largest integrated producers of aluminum and a leading copper producer. Hindalco is a flagship company of the Aditya Birla Group, a multinational conglomerate based in Mumbai, India. For more information, visit www.novelis.com and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/Novelis.

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