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Novelis Names Les Parrette General Counsel

ATLANTA, Feb. 18, 2005 – Novelis Inc. (NYSE, TSX: NVL) today announced the appointment of Les J. Parrette, Jr. to the position of General Counsel, effective March 8. He will report to President and CEO Brian W. Sturgell, who, with this appointment, has completed the selection of Novelis' senior leadership team.

“Les brings a wealth of knowledge and practical experience to Novelis,” Sturgell said. “His international expertise will greatly contribute to our leadership position in the aluminum rolled products marketplace.”

Parrette comes to Novelis from Aquila, Inc. of Kansas City, where he was Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary for the energy distributor since 2000. Prior to that, Parrette was a senior partner at the law firm Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin, LLP, overseeing international mergers and acquisitions, privatizations and equity transactions.

Novelis incorporated Jan. 6, 2005, and is the global leader in aluminum rolled products and aluminum can recycling, with 37 operating facilities in 12 countries and more than 13,500 dedicated employees. Novelis has the unparalleled capability to provide its customers with a regional supply of high-end rolled aluminum throughout Asia, Europe, North America, and South America. Through its advanced production capabilities, Novelis supplies aluminum sheet and foil to automotive, transportation, beverage and food packaging, construction, industrial and printing markets. Please visit www.novelis.com for more information on Novelis. For more information on recycling, please visit the Sustainability page on the Novelis web site.

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