

NOVA MEASURING INSTRUMENTS LTD

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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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NOVA MEASURING INSTRUMENTS LTD.
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes ☐ No ☒

Attached hereto and incorporated by way of reference herein is a press release issued by the Registrant and entitled: "Nova i500® Integrated Metrology Tool Selected by Leading Memory Manufacturer".

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

NOVA MEASURING INSTRUMENTS LTD.
(Registrant)

Date: May 14, 2012

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Nova i500® Integrated Metrology Tool Selected by Leading
Memory Manufacturer

REHOVOT, Israel, May 14, 2012 – Nova Measuring Instruments Ltd. (NASDAQ: NVMI) provider of leading edge stand-alone metrology and the market leader of integrated metrology solutions to the semiconductor process control market, announced today that a leading memory manufacturer with multinational presence has selected its high-end i500 integrated metrology tool and the Nova MARS modeling software with advanced material characterization functionality, as Production Tool of Record (PTOR) for its most advanced technology nodes. The metrology tools will be used in production for CMP OCD 2D/3D and thin film applications for 1Y NAND, 1X DRAM and in R&D for development of next generation memory products.

The selection followed the successful completion of a rigorous qualification process and includes orders for multiple units that will be delivered during the second quarter of 2012. During the evaluation process, the Nova i500 demonstrated more than 30% improvement in throughput, was qualified for high throughput polishers and showed improved precision and tool matching compared to the previous model in various production scenarios.

“We are pleased that a leading memory manufacturer has chosen Nova’s i500 platform to support next generation memory product manufacturing. It is further evidence that customers trust Nova’s market leading integrated metrology tools to provide the best process control solutions for their most advanced products in high volume manufacturing and for future technology nodes”, said Gabi Seligsohn, President and CEO of Nova.

About Nova: Nova Measuring Instruments Ltd. develops, produces and markets advanced integrated and stand alone metrology solutions for the semiconductor manufacturing industry. Nova is traded on the NASDAQ & TASE under the symbol NVMI. The Company's website is www.nova.co.il.

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 relating to future events or our future performance, such as statements regarding trends, demand for our products, expected deliveries, transaction, expected revenues, operating results, earnings and profitability. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied in those forward looking statements. These risks and other factors include but are not limited to: our dependency on two product lines; the highly cyclical nature of the markets we target; our inability to reduce spending during a slowdown in the semiconductor industry; our ability to respond effectively on a timely basis to rapid technological changes; our dependency on OEM suppliers; cyber security risks; risks related to open source technologies; our ability to retain our competitive position despite the ongoing consolidation in our industry; risks associated with our dependence on a single manufacturing facility; our ability to expand our manufacturing capacity or marketing efforts to support our future growth; our dependency on a small number of large customers and small number of suppliers; our dependency on our key employees; risks related to changes in our order backlog; risks related to the financial, political and environmental instabilities that may affect our sales in Asia; risks related to our intellectual property; changes in customer demands for our products; new product offerings from our competitors; changes in or an inability to execute

our business strategy; unanticipated manufacturing or supply problems; changes in tax requirements; changes in customer demand for our products; risks related to currency fluctuations and risks related to our operations in Israel. We cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. The matters discussed in this press release also involve risks and uncertainties summarized under the heading “Risk Factors” in Nova’s Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2011 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 28, 2012. These factors are updated from time to time through the filing of reports and registration statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Nova Measuring Instruments Ltd. does not assume any obligation to update the forward-looking information contained in this press release.
