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FORM 6-K

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

March 3, 2011

Commission File No.: 000-30688

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 o No x

Attached hereto and incorporated by way of reference herein is a press release issued by the Registrant and entitled: "Nova Receives \$12 Million Orders from 3 Major Foundries".

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.

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NOVA MEASURING INSTRUMENTS LTD.

(Registrant)

Date: March 3, 2011 By: /s/ Dror David

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Chief Financial Officer

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Nova Receives \$12 Million Orders from 3 Major Foundries

Orders are for both integrated and stand alone metrology tools

REHOVOT, Israel, March 3, 2011 - 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, today announced that 3 major foundries recently placed \$12 million orders for its integrated and standalone metrology tools. The tools will support manufacturing and development for both the 4x and 3x technology nodes, and are expected to ship within the first and second quarters of 2011.

"We are delighted with the continued booking stream from the important foundry segment which is continuing to ramp aggressively to meet demand from the smart phone and tablet computing markets", said Gabi Seligsohn, President and CEO of Nova. "We are happy to see that many of the orders received are from Chinese based customers who are ramping up after a prolonged period of weaker demand from that market. This recent booking stream, together with additional orders already received from memory customers as well as expected multi-million dollar orders from these and other customers during March, should lead to record quarterly bookings in the first quarter of 2011".

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 process control 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; 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; 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, 2009 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 26, 2010. 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

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assume any obligation to update the forward-looking information contained in this press release.