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Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)

Novavax (Name of Issuer)

Common Shares (Title of Class of Securities)

670002104 (CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2002 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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/_X_/ Rule 13d-1(b)

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS
IRS IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

	RS Investment Management Co. LLC							
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions) (a) / / (b) / /							
3	SEC USE ONLY							
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION							
	Delaware							
	NUMBER OF 5 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	SOLE						
		6	6 SHARED VOTING POWER -1,781,300-					
			SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER					
		8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER -1,781,300-	_				
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON -1,781,300-							
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	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 7.2%							
	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions) OO, HC							
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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS IRS IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)							
	RS Investment Management, L.P.							
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions) (a) / / (b) / /							
3	SEC USE ONLY							
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION							
	California							
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	G. Randall Hecht							
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3	SEC USE ONLY							
 4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION USA							
	NUMBER OF 5 SHARES	SOLE V	OTING POWER					
	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING		SHARED VOTING POWER -1,781,300-					
	PERSON WITH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-		-			
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12 TYPE HC, I		NG PERSON (See Inst	ructions)	
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ITEM 1.				
(a) The	name of th	ne issuer is Novava	ax (the "Issuer").	
		executive office on mbia, MD 21046.	of the Issuer is locat	ted at:
ITEM 2.				
		for information or the "Filers")	n the persons filing t	chis
(d) Thi (the "Stock")		relates to shares	s of common stock of t	the Issuer
(e) The	CUSIP numb	per of the Stock is	670002104.	
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		ent is filed pursua eck whether the per	ant to rule 240.13d-1 rson filing is a:	(b) or
(a) U.S.C. 78o).		Broker or dealer n	registered under secti	ion 15 of the Act (15
(b) 78c).		Bank as defined in	n section 3(a)(6) of t	the Act (15 U.S.C.
(c) (15 U.S.C. 78		Insurance company	as defined in section	n 3(a)(19) of the Act
(d) Investment Co		Investment company of 1940 (15 U.S.C.	y registered under sec 80a-8).	ction 8 of the
(e) 1(b)(1)(ii)(E			ser in accordance wit L.P. is a registered	
(f) with 240.13d-			t plan or endowment i	fund in accordance
(g) with 240.13d-	1(b)(1)(ii)	(G). *RS Investment Mar of RS Investment M Hecht is a control	company or control per nagement Co. LLC is the Management, L.P. G. F L person of RS Investr vestment Management, I	ne general partner Randall ment Management
(h)		A savings associat	tion as defined in sec	ction 3(b) of the

Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).

- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3).
 - (j) ____ Group, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)

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ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

See Items 5-9 and 11 on the cover page for each Filer.

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following /___/.

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON

RS Investment Management Co. LLC is the parent company of registered investment advisers whose clients have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Stock. No individual client's holdings of the Stock are more than five percent of the outstanding Stock.

RS Investment Management, L.P. is a registered investment adviser. RS Investment Management Co. LLC is the General Partner of RS Investment Management, L.P. G. Randall Hecht is a control person of RS Investment Management Co. LLC and RS Investment Management, L.P.

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ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Not applicable.

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with

or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 14, 2003

RS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CO. LLC By: /s/ G. Randall Hecht

G. Randall Hecht

Chief Executive Officer

RS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: /s/ G. Randall Hecht G. Randall Hecht

Chief Executive Officer

/s/ G. Randall Hecht G. Randall Hecht

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EXHIBIT A

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agree that they are filing this statement jointly pursuant to Rule 13d-1(f)(1). Each of them is responsible for the timely filing of the Schedule 13G and any amendments thereto, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning such person contained therein; but none of them is responsible for the completeness or accuracy of the information concerning the other persons making the filing, unless such person knows or has reason to believe that such information is accurate.

Dated: February 14, 2003

RS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CO. LLC
By: /s/ G. Randall Hecht
G. Randall Hecht

Chief Executive Officer

RS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: /s/ G. Randall Hecht G. Randall Hecht

Chief Executive Officer

/s/ G. Randall Hecht G. Randall Hecht

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Annex I

The filers are:

- I. (a) RS Investment Management Co. LLC, is a Delaware Limited Liability Company.
- (b) holding company
- II. (a) RS Investment Management, L.P. is a California Limited Partnership.
 - (b) registered investment adviser
- III. (a) G. Randall Hecht is a control person of RS Investment Management Co. LLC and RS Investment Management, L.P.
 - (b) individual