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SCHEDULE 13G

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

> Novavax, Inc. (Name of Issuer)

Common Shares (Title of Class of Securities)

> 670002104 (CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2000 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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> $/_X_/$  Rule 13d-1(b) /\_\_\_/ Rule 13d-1(c) /\_\_\_/ Rule 13d-1(d)

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

CUSIP No. 670002104

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IRS IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

	RS Investment Managem					
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4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION					
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ITEM 1					
(	a) The name of t	he issuer is No	ovavax, Inc. (the "Iss	suer").	
	e principal execu rd Road, Coumbia,		the Issuer is located	d at: 8320	
ITEM 2					
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(15 U.S.C. 78c).
(d) Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
(e) An investment adviser in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).
(f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
(g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G)
(h) $\_$ A savings association as defined in section 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) _X_ 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
The Filer is a registered investment adviser 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.
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See Annex I

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 8, 2001

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

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RS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, L.P.
By: /s/ G. Randall Hecht
G. Randall Hecht

Chief Executive Officer

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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 8, 2001

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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