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## Gevo Files with USPTO to Invalidate Butamax Patent

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### Petition Cites Numerous Prior Publications of the Technology

ENGLEWOOD, Colo., Aug 18, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Gevo, Inc.

(NASDAQ: GEVO), a leading renewable chemicals and advanced biofuels company, is filing today for reexamination with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to invalidate the Butamax(TM) Advanced Biofuels LLC (Butamax) patent 7,851,188 issued in December 2010 ('188 Patent). Gevo is preparing and will soon file a second petition with the USPTO requesting a reexamination and invalidation of Butamax's patent 7,993,889, issued on August 9, 2011 ('889 Patent). Butamax initially filed its lawsuit involving the '188 Patent on January 14, 2011 and amended its lawsuit on August 11, 2011 to include the related '889 Patent.

"The technologies and process steps combined in the claims of the '188 Patent and '889 Patent were known in the field, published in numerous scientific journals, or invented by others, including Gevo, before Butamax applied for their patents. Consequently, we believe both Butamax patents are invalid," said Brett Lund, Gevo Executive Vice President and General Counsel. "Furthermore, Gevo does not use the technology claimed in these patents. We use our own distinct technology, GIFT® (Gevo Integrated Fermentation Technology®), which is covered by more than 150 patent applications and enables the efficient production of isobutanol."

### About Gevo

Gevo is converting existing ethanol plants into biorefineries to make renewable building block products for the chemical and fuel industries. The Company plans to convert renewable raw materials into isobutanol and renewable hydrocarbons that can be directly integrated on a "drop in" basis into existing chemical and fuel products to deliver environmental and economic benefits. Gevo is committed to a sustainable biobased economy that meets society's needs for plentiful food and clean air and water. For more information, visit <http://www.gevo.com/>.

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