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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Denies Request to Reexamine Butamax '188 Patent

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ENGLEWOOD, Colo., Oct 28, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Gevo, Inc. (NASDAQ: GEVO), a leading renewable chemicals and advanced biofuels company, today announced that The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has denied its August 18, 2011 request to reexamine the Butamax(TM) Advanced Biofuels LLC (Butamax) patent 7,851,188 issued in December 2010 ('188 Patent).

"We are disappointed in the USPTO's decision not to reexamine this particular patent, and we intend to appeal this decision" said Brett Lund, Gevo Executive Vice President and General Counsel. "This preliminary result in no way diminishes our strong intellectual property portfolio of over 300 patents and patent applications nor does it impact our freedom to operate. The USPTO's decision does not impact our ongoing patent litigation with Butamax.

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>

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this press release may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include statements that are not purely statements of historical fact, and can sometimes be identified by our use of terms such as "intend," "expect," "plan," "estimate," "future," "strive" and similar words. These forward-looking statements are made on the basis of the current beliefs, expectations and assumptions of the management of Gevo and are subject to significant risks and uncertainty. Investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. All such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and the company undertakes no obligation to update or revise these statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Although the company believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, these statements involve many risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from what may be expressed or implied in these forward-looking statements. For a further discussion of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from those expressed in these forward-looking statements, as well as risks relating to the business of Gevo in general, see the risk disclosures in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Gevo for the year ended December 31, 2010, and in subsequent reports on Forms 10-Q and 8-K and other filings made with the SEC by Gevo.

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