

## **Major Oil and Gas Company, Total Invests in Advanced Biofuels Leader Gevo**

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Englewood, CO – April 27, 2009 – Gevo, Inc. announced today that a major oil and gas company, Total, has invested in the series D round of the advanced biofuels company.

Gevo is commercializing technology for the cost effective production of renewable, fungible hydrocarbons such as gasoline blendstocks, renewable jet fuel and renewable diesel blendstocks. In addition to fuels, Gevo's technology enables the production of a wide variety of chemicals and plastics such as polyacrylates and PETE from renewable resources.

"To have one of the world's largest oil and gas companies invest in Gevo is significant validation of the potential of our technology and products" stated Dr. Patrick Gruber, CEO of Gevo, Inc. "Total adds to the strength of our already strong syndicate of Khosla Ventures, Virgin Green Fund, Burrill & Company, and Malaysian Life Sciences Capital Fund."

"We are very pleased with this opportunity to contribute to next steps of Gevo's development, with its promising bio-fuels and chemicals intermediates platform produced from renewable resources" said Jean-Michel Gires, Senior Vice-President Sustainable Development and Environment of Total, and President of Total Energy Venture International.

Gevo's commercialization approach includes retro-fitting existing ethanol facilities to produce hydrocarbon products readily used in the refining and chemical industry. Later this summer, Gevo will bring a 1 million gallon per year semi-works plant in St. Joseph, Missouri on line and start developing its customer base for the commercial facility scheduled to come on line in early 2011.

### **About Gevo**

Based in Denver, Colorado, Gevo is developing and commercializing technology to produce sustainable renewable hydrocarbons to serve the refining and chemical industry. "Our goal is to bring to market renewable alternatives for petroleum based hydrocarbons and chemicals." said Gruber. "These products are identical to petroleum based products however they are produced on a cost effective and sustainable basis from renewable resources. [www.gevo.com](http://www.gevo.com).

### **About Total**

Total is one of the world's major oil and gas groups, with activities in more than 130 countries. Its 96,000 employees put their expertise to work in every part of the industry – exploration and production of oil and natural gas, refining and marketing, gas & power and trading. Total is working to keep the world supplied with energy, both today and tomorrow. The Group is also a first rank player in chemicals.

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