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Butamax™ Advanced Biofuels Granted Pivotal Isobutanol Patent

WILMINGTON, Delaware, August 9, 2011 -- Butamax™ Advanced Biofuels, LLC today announced that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has granted patent number 7,993,889, adding another pioneering patent to its biobutanol intellectual property portfolio. This patent protects foundational methods for low-cost production of biobutanol.

“The strength of Butamax™’s patent portfolio is a testament to our company’s innovation capability and is a critical asset as we commercialize the most significant new fuel molecule since ethanol,” said Paul Beckwith, CEO of Butamax. Butamax currently has over a hundred patent applications pending in addition to those already granted. Butamax also has a number of patent applications under accelerated review in the USPTO Green Technology Pilot Program.

Butamax™’s intellectual property encompasses advances in technology across the renewables value chain, including the production, purification and use of biobutanol as a renewable fuel or chemical component. With these innovations, Butamax is enabling implementation of the Renewable Fuels Standard which supports U.S. policy to enhance energy security and reduce green house gas emissions.

“Butamax™’s comprehensive intellectual property estate offers licensees a unique commercial opportunity underpinned by a fully proprietary technology package,” explained Peter Matrai, COO of Butamax.

Since 2004, the Butamax team has relentlessly pioneered new technology to minimize the cost of manufacture for biobutanol. The company continues its commitment to innovation in the areas of biocatalyst, engineering design and end-use applications to deliver maximum value to our customers, partners and investors, and drive the industry forward.

About Butamax

Butamax™ Advanced Biofuels, LLC was formed to develop and commercialize biobutanol as a next generation renewable biofuel for the transport market. The company benefits from the synergy of DuPont’s proven industrial biotechnology experience and BP’s global fuels market knowledge. Butamax™’s proprietary technology offers a cost-advantaged manufacturing process with value from field to pump. Globally focused with operations on four continents, Butamax is poised for commercial launch from 2012/2013. For more information, visit www.butamax.com.

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