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Butamax™ Files Patent Infringement Action Against Gevo, Inc. to Protect Biobutanol Intellectual Property

WILMINGTON, Delaware, January 14, 2011 -- Butamax™ Advanced Biofuels, LLC today filed a patent infringement lawsuit against Gevo, Inc for its use of Butamax biobutanol technology. The lawsuit was filed in U.S. Federal District Court in the District of Delaware.

Butamax patent 7851188 was granted in December, 2010. This patent encompasses biocatalysts developed to produce isobutanol and provides protection for Butamax and its pioneering work in this field. Butamax has filed an extensive patent portfolio for its proprietary technology across the biofuels value chain including biocatalyst, bioprocess and fuels. A number of patent applications by Butamax have been successfully accepted into the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Green Technology Pilot Program for accelerated review.

“The U.S. patent system is designed to encourage research and development and to protect inventions. Butamax and its owners were the first to develop this technology and it is our belief that the protection of intellectual property serves the best interest of the biofuels industry, our customers and the U.S. energy policy,” said Tim Potter, Butamax CEO.

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 patent-protected 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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