# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

# CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 18, 2020

Gevo,	Inc
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**001-35073** (Commission File Number)

**87-0747704** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

345 Inverness Drive South, Building C, Suite 310 Englewood, CO 80112

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 858-8358

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:		
Title of each class	Trading symbol	Name of exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	GEVO	Nasdaq Capital Market
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Emerging growth company $\square$		
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#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 18, 2020, Gevo, Inc. will be presenting at NobleCon16 – Noble Capital Markets' Sixteenth Annual Investor Conference in Hollywood, Florida. The presentation materials to be utilized during the conference are furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Item 7.01 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description		

99.1 <u>Gevo Overview, February 2020.</u>

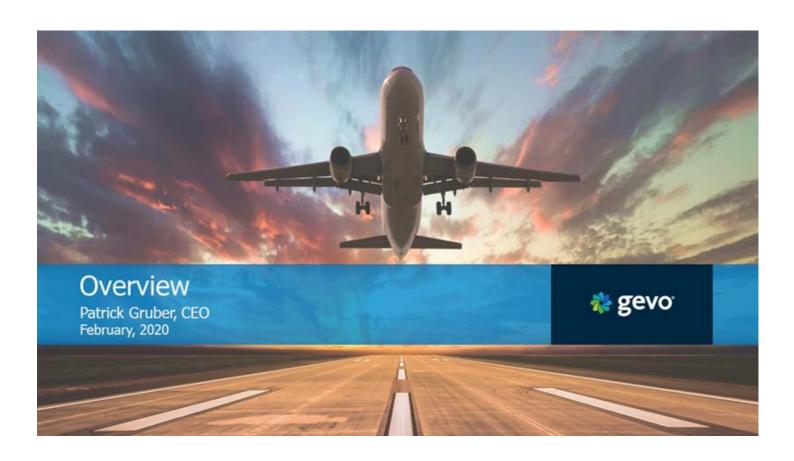
#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

GEVO, INC.

Dated: February 18, 2020 By: /s/ Geoffrey T. Williams, Jr.

/s/ Geoffrey T. Williams, Jr. Geoffrey T. Williams, Jr. General Counsel and Secretary



#### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Any statements in this presentation about our future expectations, plans, outlook and prospects, and other statements containing the words "believes," "anticipates," "plans," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "may" and similar expressions, constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Actual results may differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements as a result of various important factors, including risks relating to: the success of our sales and production efforts in support of the commercialization of our products; our growth plans and strategies, including the planned expansion of our facilities; our technologies; the sizes of markets for our products; the benefits and characteristics of our products; our ability to obtain and maintain certifications related to our products; memoranda of understanding, discussions and negotiations relating to potential projects; our ability to raise funds to continue operations or fund growth projects; our projected revenues or sales; our ability to perform under current or future contracts; our ability to become profitable; laws and regulations supporting or providing economic advantages to low-carbon products; the potential that adverse changes could be made to laws and regulations supporting or providing economic advantages to low-carbon products; and other factors discussed in the "Risk Factors" of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 and in other filings that we periodically make with the SEC. In addition, the forward-looking statements included in this investor presentation represent our views as of the date of this investor presentation. Important factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from those indicated or implied by forward-looking statements, and as such we anticipate that subsequent events and developments will cause our views to change. However, while we may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, we specifically disclaim any obligation to do so. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any date subsequent to the date of this investor presentation.



#### OVERVIEW OF GEVO

#### **Business Overview**

- · Headquarters: Englewood, CO
- Founded: 2005
- Employees: ~50 (20 in Colorado, 30 in Minnesota) + 20 Contractors
- Proprietary technology position (patents and know-how) for the production of isobutanol and hydrocarbon fuels and chemicals
- · Technologies proven to work
- · Produces: Jet Fuel, Isooctane, Feed, Corn Oil, IBA, Ethanol

#### **End Markets Served**

- · Renewable jet fuel
- · Renewable gasoline (isooctane)
- · Specialty gasoline blendstocks
  - "Ethanol (ETOH) free" high octane gasoline
    - · Marine / Off-road blendstock
  - · On-road use for high performance, racing and classic cars
  - Low carbon ethanol
- · Animal Feed, protein, and corn oil
- · Specialty chemicals and solvents

#### **Facility Overview**

- · Corporate Headquarters (Englewood, CO) Offices and Labs
- Alcohol Production Facility (Luverne, MN) 20MGPY Ethanol, 1.5 MGPY IBA. Potential for low carbon credits. Potential to build out IBA to 14-18 MGPY leveraging already install capex







Customers, Partnerships, and Agreements





















































The customers and partners on this side represent current and past customers/partners \*Operated in Partnership with South Hampton Resources, Inc.

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#### OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

- Cash
  - \$20.9 Million (9/30/2019)
- Debt
  - 2020/2021 Notes (Whitebox): \$14.4 million principal (1/10/2020)
- · Common Shares
  - $-\approx 13.4 \text{ million } (9/30/2019)$
- Warrants
  - 54,989 Warrants outstanding @ weighted avg of \$154/share (9/30/2019)
- Current Analysts
  - Amit Dyal, HC Wainwright
  - Poe Fratt, Noble Capital Markets\*
- · Management and Insider Holdings
  - 10.2% of stock (9/30/2019)

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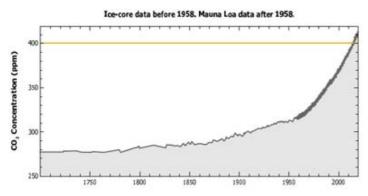
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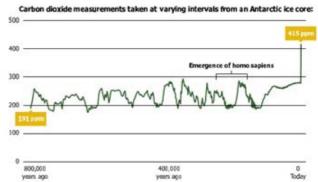




# WE ARE GOING TO NEW HEIGHTS OF GHG'S, AND IT LIKELY ISN'T A GOOD THING

- · Carbon dioxide has doubled since the age of fossil fuels
- · Levels will continue to rise unless we change





Source: World Data Center for Paleoclmutology, Boulder and NOAA, Paleoclmutology Program



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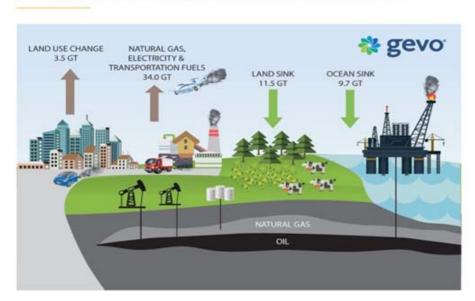
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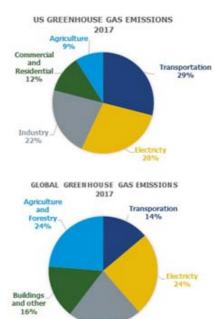
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# THE PROBLEM: FOSSIL CARBON IN THE ATMOSPHERE INCREASING





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Data: CDIAC/NOAA-ESRL/GCP Carbon Budget / GT=Gga tons / Increase of 16GT from 2006 to 2015



#### WHAT CAN WE DO?



- Eliminate burning of fossilbased carbon in production of electricity and transportation fuels
- Use forestry and agriculture to capture carbon in the soil, plants, and trees

Data: CDIAC/NOAA-ESRL/GCP Carbon Budget / GT=Giga ton



## WE ARE GOING AFTER THE "WHOLE GALLON" WITH AN ULTRA-LOW CARBON SCORE

#### **Paradigm Shift**

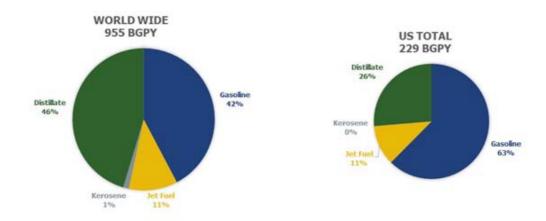


Possible to replace all the fossil hydrocarbons in a gallon with renewable hydrocarbons



# MARKET POTENTIAL IS LIQUID TRANSPORTATION FUELS....

## Rate of adoption will be driven by price and financing



#### What will the penetration rate be?

EIA 2017 data



## ...AND WILL BE AROUND A LONG TIME

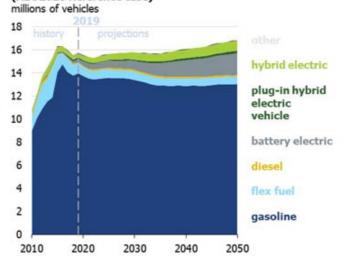
Transportation sector consumption (by fuel)

# quadrillion British thermal units 30 2019 history projections 25 20 motor gasoline 15 10 distillate fuel (Diesel ) oil jet fuel electricity other

2040

2050

# Light-duty vehicle sales by fuel type (AEO2020 Reference case)



Source: EIA

2020

2030

2010



#### A NEW GENERATION OF LOW CARBON DROP-IN TRANSPORTATION FUELS

#### **Raw Materials**



Most carbohydrate-based raw material can work

#### Target Markets/Products (>800 BGPY)





Oxygenated Blendstocks for Gasoline (Ethanol and Isobutanol)

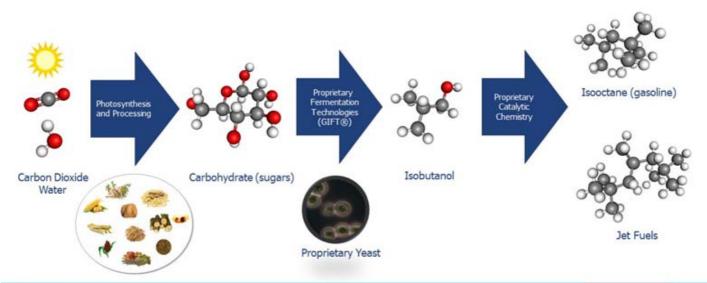


- · Production technologies work
- · Products work
- · Markets are developing
- We are selling products
- We still need to achieve economies of scale
- Targeting customers who pay a premium for the value add we bring

Sources: EIA, IEA and Nexant, US DOT FHWA



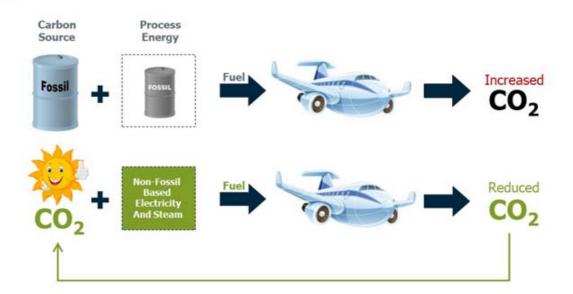
## OUR TECHNOLOGY LEVERAGES THE BEST OF BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY



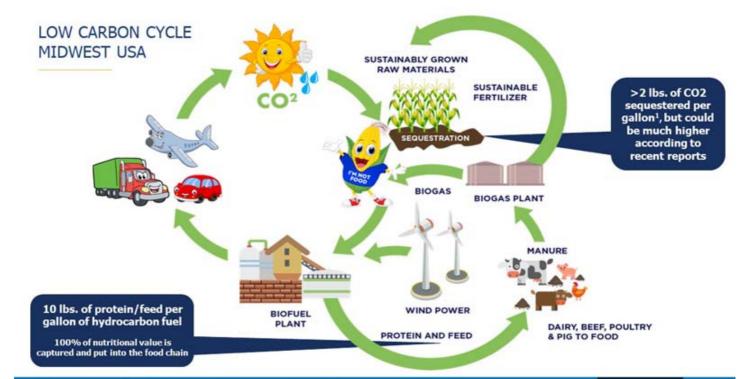
Sources: EIA, IEA and Nexant, US DOT FHW.



# REPLACE THE CARBON SOURCE AND ENERGY SOURCE TO ELIMINATE GHG'S FROM FUELS







'Sheehan, et al, 2017; Mueller, et al, 2019; Indigo reports that 10-15X more could be sequestered Copyright Gevo, Inc.





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Biofuel Plant

Sequestration -

Combined Heating & Power Plant

**Enables Potential Global Scale** 



Cane, Molasses, Bagasse, Rice Straw, Wheat Straw, Corn Stover







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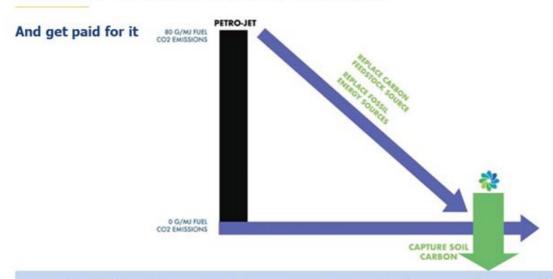




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## WE CAN GET TO VERY LOW CARBON FOOTPRINTS



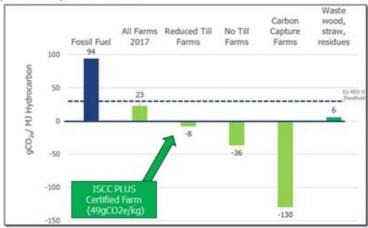
The carbon footprint has potential to be driven to negative with agricultural practices or with more renewable natural gas (RNG)

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#### HYDROCARBON FUELS: HOW TO DRIVE THE GHG FOOTPRINT DOWN AND EVEN NEGATIVE!

#### And produce protein too



#### Agriculture improvements are practical and being done

- We expect to be able to meet RED II, RSB, and ISCC requirements
- Agricultural improvements can lead to sequestered carbon in the right systems
- Agricultural improvements frequently lead to higher yield and more protein

Companies such as Indigo, Farmers Business Network, and Locus believe that soil carbon capture can be dramatically increased leading to orders of magnitude increase by building root systems. If true, the amount of carbon capture per gallon could be in the 10's of kgs per gallon. We are working with these companies to figure it out.



#### CERTIFICATION AND TRACKING





"Gevo's RSB certification is a great moment for the bioeconomy as it demonstrates that key components of jet fuel can be produced in a way that not only dramatically reduces greenhouse gas emissions but also ensures real positive social and environmental impacts..."

-- Rolf Hogan, Executive Director of RSB



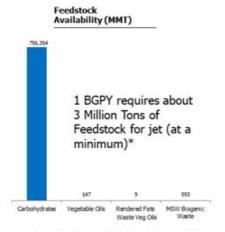




 Partnered with Gevo to establish a blockchain technology to track sustainability



#### WE CAN USE CARBOHYDRATES FROM MANY SOURCES



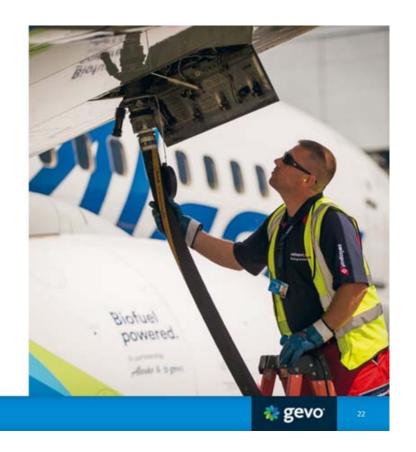
Based on updated Nexant Models and engineering projections Assumed \$3.60/bu com, average tallow/grease price from NRA market report "Assumes 33% yield from raw materials which is overly optimistic. A realistic amount likely would be several times higher.



Source: 2010/2011 USDA Foreign Agriculture Senice (FAS), NRA 2015, USDA ERS OF Only Yearbook 2015/1G, World Bank Global Review of Solid Waste Management 2012



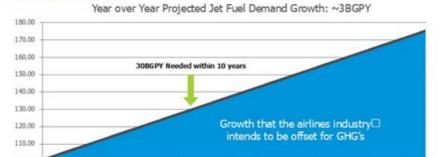
HOW TO ACHIEVE PROFITABILITY AND GET ON THE PATH TO A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR BUSINESS



# THE AVIATION INDUSTRY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY... AND A PROBLEM

They are expecting to experience strong growth.... but they have promised to hold GHG emissions flat from 2020 onward

#### **World Jet Fuel Demand**



2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033 2034 2035 2036 2037 2038 2039 2040



Sources: International Air Transport Association (IATA): FIA 2016 Annual Energy Outlook



# **GEVO JET FUEL**















# PRODUCTS WORK, WE ARE BUILDING EXPERIENCE



BOMBARDIER Gulfstream



# WE INTEND TO REPLACE THE "WHOLE GALLON" OF GASOLINE (ULTIMATELY)

#### Isooctane (the hydrocarbon) is the major component of gasoline

- We believe we have the only proven technology to produce it from renewables
- · No particulates, no sulfur, no nitrogen
- Isooctane (Alkylate) demand is increasing due to need for higher octane fuel caused by higher compression engines
- · Current niche: Small engine, packaged fuels, engine OEM and racing
- · Expect to see it in mainstream gasoline in the future



















Performed by impressions Labin, 8775 regimes; S47, Resumbers, Texas, 77705-7657 Prome: 809-212-932



Low carbon and clean (low sulfur, low

## ISOOCTANE IN PERFORMANCE FUELS

Start with high value niche
Up to 4MGPY under take-or-pay contract











#### ISOBUTANOL AS A GASOLINE BLENDSTOCK

#### Isobutanol delivers better properties than other renewable alcohol blendstocks

- · Higher energy (potential for more miles per gallon)
- · Less corrosivity (less wear and tear on certain types of engines)





Ethanol Free Gasoline in Houston

Ethanol Free: ~7BGPY\*

Ethanol Containing
Gasoline:
~133 BGPY\*

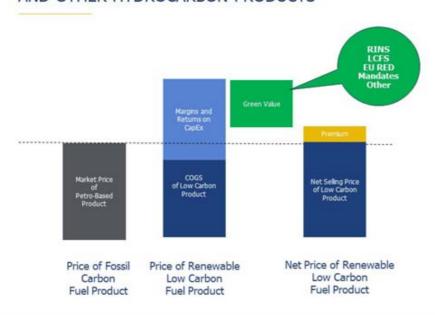
Market Size: ~140 BGPY\*

Focus is to develop markets and deployment channels in key markets where ethanol free gasoline is in demand

\*Sources: US DOE – gasoline, US EPA/American Petroleum Institute: E0 market sze, Stilwater consulting



# WE CAN BE COST COMPETITIVE WITH COMMODITY PETRO-BASED FUELS AND OTHER HYDROCARBON PRODUCTS

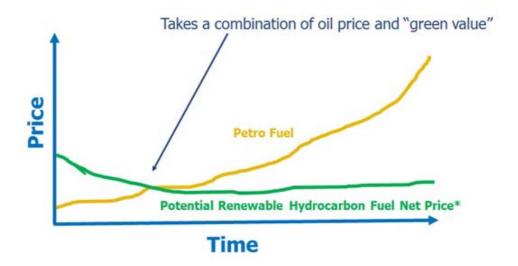


- Use the carbon value to offset the required price of our products
- Carbon value is more reliable because of LCFS and EU RED policies
  - Debt providers have indicated that they are more comfortable with ongoing value of carbon

The information on this page is illustrative and the graphs are not to scale. The selling prices are dependent on a number of known and unknown factors, including, but not limited by the price of caregosable of halood produces, nonewable or "green" carbon value, and the laws and regulations affecting renewable custom value.



# RENEWABLE HYDROCARBONS SHOULD EVENTUALLY BE LESS EXPENSIVE



\* ATJ estimated economics are based on optimized future plant and include RIN and tax credits Source: EEA 2016 Annual Energy Outbook, USDA Agricultural Projections to 2025, Global Harvest Indicates



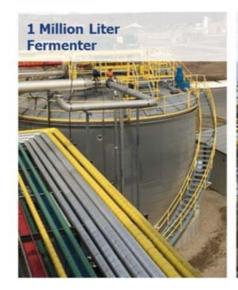
# Getting to Economies of Scale

Process and products proven to work





#### MAKING PRODUCTS

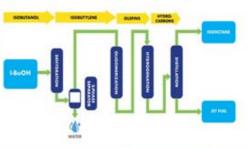


### Hydrocarbon Production\* Silsbee, TX



#### Ethanol and IBA Production - Luverne, MN



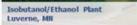


\* Operated in Partnership with South Hampton Resources, Inc.



## **CURRENT PRODUCTION & PRODUCTS**







#### **Products Sold**



~100 Million lbs./ yr. Animal Feed



~3 Milion lbs./ yr. Industrial Com Oil





~1.5 MGPY IBA ~ 50KGPY Jet Fuel





~50KGPY Isooctane ~20 MGPY EtOH



# ACHIEVING ECONOMIES OF SCALE AT THE LUVERNE, MN SITE IBA AND HYDROCARBONS (JET AND ISOOCTANE)



Approximate expected capacities and locations for unit operations are **Bustrative** and based on our current plans which are subject to change.



## GREATER THAN \$500M1 OF REVENUE UNDER TAKE-OR-PAY CONTRACTS









The focus is project financing backed by these contracts

The estimate is based on certain assumptions in the contracts, including the value of certain environmental credits and the sales price of the fixel. This estimate represents the revenue over the entire term of the contracts.



## BUSINESS MODEL IS EVOLVING TO "BUILD, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN"

#### Our contracts are growing faster, demand is happening faster, creating opportunity sooner

- · Gevo Role
  - Project developer
  - Technology licensor
  - Plant operator
  - Maintainer
  - Business developer (Signing off-take agreements with customers and setting market prices)
  - Potential minority equity owner
- We believe there are investors who desire "shovel ready" capital asset projects in the sustainability space





 6 projects in discussion for projects other than Luverne, 2 with MOU's in place

More of a developer and licensing model, potentially avoiding a Gevo capital outlay to build out assets



#### PLAN FOR REVENUE GROWTH FOR GEVO PRODUCTS1

	Step 1 PROJECTED 2021  Value added products and deploy low carbon energy at Luverne plant		Step 2 PROJECTED Earliest could be 2023/2024 Expand Luverne plant to achieve economies of scale for low CI EtOH, IBA, Jet Fuel, and Isooctane		Step 2a  TBD  Future large  IBA plant with  50 MGPY hydrocarbons	
	Sales	Revenue <sup>2</sup> (\$MM)	Sales	Revenue <sup>2</sup> (5MM)	Sales	Revenue <sup>2</sup> (\$MM)
Ethanol (MGPY)	20-23 MGPY	\$35-40	20-23 MGPY	\$41-47		
IBA	300 kGPY	\$1-2	2-3 MGPY	\$7-11		
Hydrocarbons	1 MGPY <sup>3</sup>	\$12-15	10-12 MGPY	\$45-51	50 MGPY	\$165-275
Protein, Feed, Food Products, other products	70-80 kt	\$10-12	120-140 kt	\$17-20	240-500 kt	\$25
Total	Total	\$58-69	Total	\$130-154	Total	\$290-300
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<sup>1.</sup> The information on this side constitutes forward-taking subservets an identified on side 2 of this prevention. Affireward each capacity projections are subject to change and besid upon current assumptions and expectations. The revenue and capacity projections are subject to another of monopoles and factors to the country of the contract results to differ extended to be subsected on this side, including our addition to expend our production capabilities to produce product in the country of the contraction of the con

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#### **BUSINESS SUMMARY**

#### The Problem:

- · Fossil fuels emit fossil greenhouse gasses (GHGs)
- · Companies want to mitigate liability
- · Governments want to reduce GHG emissions
- · Consumers care about pollution and want GHGs addressed

#### The Solution:

- "Decarbonize." Lower the carbon footprint of fuels by replacing the fossil carbon with "green" carbon. Use renewable energy in the production of mainstream liquid fuel products with enhanced properties: Isobutanol (IBA), jet fuel, isooctane for renewable gasoline.
- Gevo has proven proprietary technology to "decarbonize" IBA, jet fuel and isooctane for renewable gasoline.

#### **Business Strategy:**

- Gevo has shown that the technologies work and that products have potential to meet the market needs.
- Aggregate the demand of renewable IBA, jet fuel, and hydrocarbons and work to secure financeable off-take that support project financing for the build-out of IBA, jet fuel and isooctane.
- Use project financing to secure the capital needed to build out our capacity with the intent of minimizing dilution at Gevo corporate level.
  - Build out IBA, jet, and isooctane, with project financing (currently targeting 30% equity and 70% debt) at subsidiary level. Luverne production site would be expected to have potential to achieve over \$100 M per year revenue and Gevo could become profitable on a Cash EBITDA¹ basis. Establish growth in multiple markets by producing and selling products.
- Use low carbon ethanol to improve profitability and establish plant site infrastructure for expansion to make larger scale low carbon IBA, jet fuel and isooctane. With low CI ethanol, we expect to reduce our cash burn (GSA&RD) over the next two years, potentially even becoming profitable on a Cash EBITDA<sup>1</sup> basis, depending on spend needed for IBA and Hydrocarbons.
- License technology establishing large production facilities in other regions of the world.

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1 Cash EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure and is calculated by adding depreciation and non-cash stock compensation to GAAP loss/income from operations.



Vision: "Whole Gallons, Net Zero"

