### 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): August 30, 2018

Gevo, Inc.

(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 301 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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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 30, 2018, Gevo, Inc. will be participating in the alphaDIRECT Advisors Virtual Conference Series. 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	Gevo, Inc. Presentation, dated August 30, 2018.

### 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: August 30, 2018

By: /s/ Geoffrey T. Williams, Jr.

Geoffrey T. Williams, Jr. General Counsel and Secretary





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 plan and strategy; our technologies; size of markets for our products; the benefits and characteristics of our products; our projected revenue; our ability to become profitable on a Cash EBITDA basis or otherwise; laws and regulations supporting or providing economic advantages to low-carbon products; the potential that adverse changes could be made 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, 2017 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.

# **Quick Summary**



### 🍀 The Problem:

- Fossil fuels emit fossil greenhouse gasses (GHGs)
- Companies want to mitigate liability
- Governments want to reduce GHG emissions
- Consumer's 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 production, and produce mainstream products with enhanced properties: isobutanol (IBA), jet fuel, isooctane for renewable gasoline.
- Gevo has proven, patented and proprietary technology to "decarbonize" IBA, jet fuel, and isooctane for renewable gasoline

### Strategy:

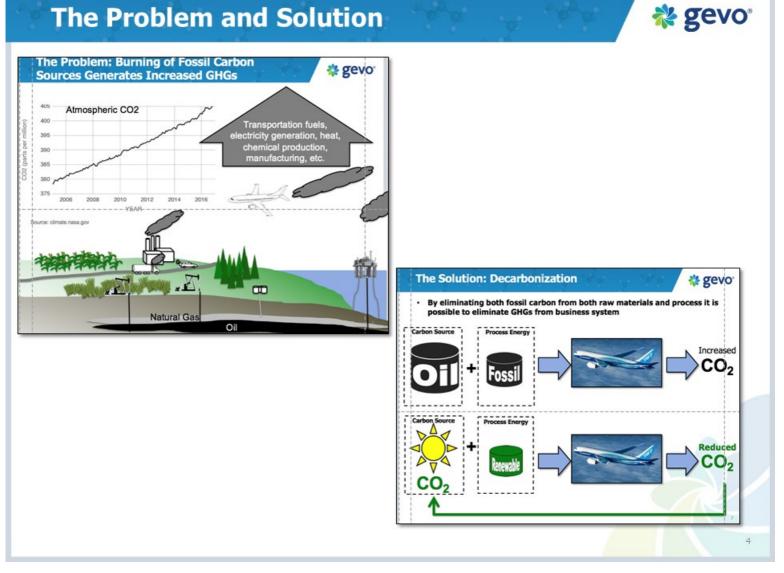
- Use low carbon ethanol to improve profitability and establish plant site infrastructure for expansion to make larger scale low carbon IBA, jet fuel and isooctane. Build out IBA, jet, and isooctane.
- Establish growth in market by making and selling products, and license technology.

### Status:

- Gevo has shown that the technologies work and that products have potential to meet the market need.
- We need to "decarbonize" our Luverne Facility to position ourselves for profitable growth, starting with ethanol.
- Aggregating demand of IBA, jet fuel, and hydrocarbons and working to secure financeable off-take
  agreements to support the build-out of the Luverne Facility.
- Actively pursuing licensing opportunities in other parts of the world.

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# **The Problem and Solution**



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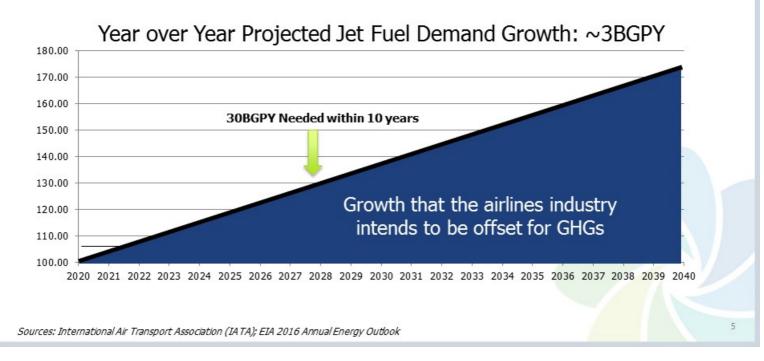
# Aviation Industry Has an Opportunity and a Problem

# They are expecting to experience strong growth....

- The aviation industry is expected to double in passengers over the 20 years to 2034
- The aviation industry accounts for 2% of GHG emissions (about the same as all of Germany), but it is expected to grow to 3% by 2050

# But, they have promised to hold GHG emissions Flat from 2020 onward

# World Jet Fuel Demand



# **Coming Changes...**



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Jets Will No Longer Get a Free Ride on Carbon Emissions





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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

### U.N. Agency Proposes Limits on Airlines' Carbon Emissions

By JAD MOUAWAD and CORAL DAVENPORT FEB. 8, 2016

After more than six years of negotiations, the global aviation industry agreed on Monday to the first binding limits on carbon dio xide emissions, tackling the fastest-growing source of greenhouse gas pollution.

The deal is the latest in a series of international efforts to address climate change. Until now, airplanes had not been included in any international climate change deals, like the recent Paris Agreement, or the Montreal Protocol, expected to be completed later this year.

The proposed new rules, announced in Montreal by the Internatio nal Civil Aviation Organization, the United Nations' aviation agency, would apply for all new airplanes delivered after 2028.

Airlines account for about 2 percent of global emissions — about the same as Germany. But many analysts think the emissions could triple by the middle of the century given the expected growth in air travel over the next decades.

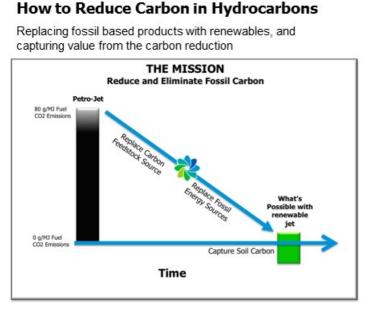
It took little time, though, for the announcement to set off a debate over how effective the proposed rules would be.

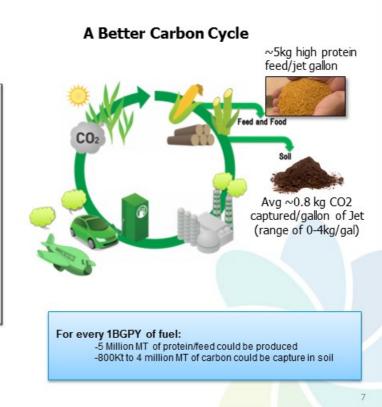
Some environmental groups, pointing to the airline industry's close involvement in crafting the deal, said the proposed rules were too weak and failed to include aircraft currently in use.

But advocates of the deal, including the Obama administration, praised &,

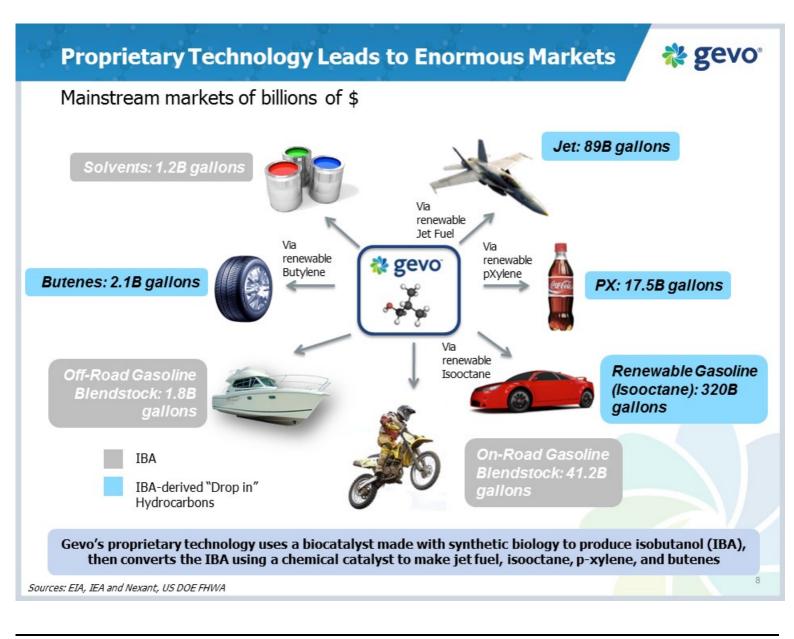
# "Decarbonize" and Capture Added Value

Produce and Sell Fuels, Chemicals, Protein with Gevo Technology, while **lowering** "carbon score" or "carbon index". The lower the score, the the higher the price Gevo can charge in certain markets





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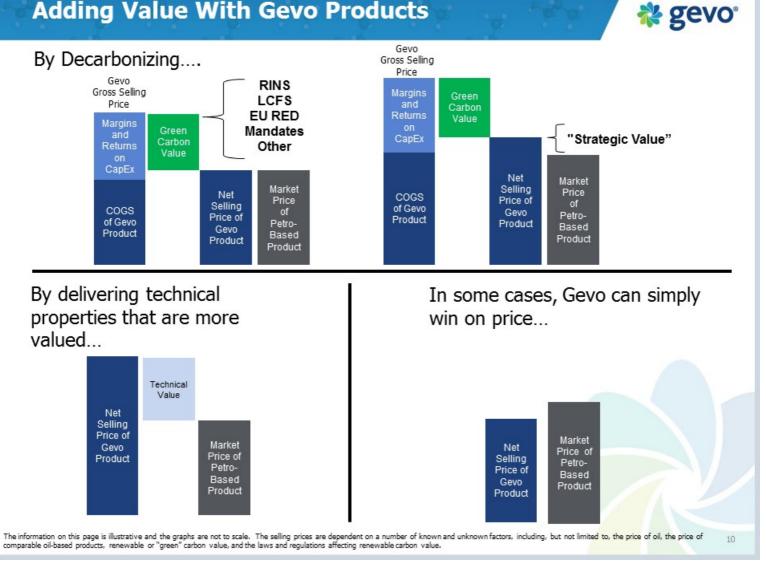
# Gevo Technology and Products Can<br/>Address the Problem& gevoWe Make and Sell Low Carbon Renewable High Performance Fuel ProductsImage: Colspan="2">Image: Colspan="2">Image: Colspan="2">Image: Colspan="2">Colspan="2"Colspan="2">Colspan="2">Colspan="2"Colspan="2">Colspan="2"Colspan="2">Colspan="2"Colspan="2"Colspan="2"Colspan="2"Colspan="2"Colspan="2"Colspan="2"Colspan="2"Colspan="2"Colspan="2"Colspan="2"Colspan="2"Colspan="2"Colspan="2"Colspan="2"Colspan="2"Colspan="2"Colspan="2"Colspan="2"<td colspan="2"</t

Blendstocks for Gasoline (Ethanol and Isobutanol)

Fully Renewable Isooctane for Gasoline

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# Key Deals

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Ethanol - Eco-Energy • Markets and Distributes Gevo ethanol
Isobutanol
<ul> <li>Musket blends IBA-off-take agreement signed</li> <li>Blend IBA into gasoline and distributes it</li> </ul>
Bucc ee's is developing retail market in Houston     Expanded from 2 to ~200 pump in 2017
Jet Fuel
<ul> <li>AvFuel</li> <li>Off-take agreement for capacity from demo plant and full scale plant</li> <li>AvFuel serves corporate aviation with more than 3000 locations</li> </ul>
Isooctane (for renewable gasoline)
<ul> <li>Haltermann Carless</li> <li>Off-take agreement signed for capacity from demo plant and full scale plant</li> <li>Developing EU market</li> <li>Multi-billion EU German chemical company</li> </ul>
Many other customers purchasing products for market development

# **Customers of Gevo Products**



# Isooctane: "The other ~80-90% of gasoline"

- It works, we are making it, and selling it
- Low carbon and clean (low sulfur, low aromatics, low olefins)



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# **Certificate of Analysis**

### Product Code: IBF007

Product Description: Renewable Isooctane					
Lot Number	F07SF33001				
Manufacture Date	8/15/2016				
Tested By (print and sign)	Jesse Hellums (Signed Electronically)				
Test Date	8/15/2016				
Approved By (print and size)	Glenn Johnston (Signed Electronically)				

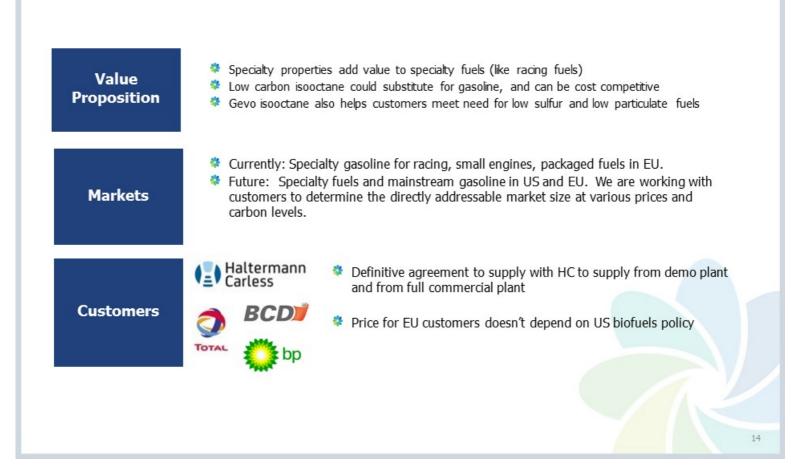
Tests	Method	Specification	Results
Appearance at 60°F (15°C)	Visual	Bright and Clear	Pass
Density @ 60°F (lb/gal)	ASTM D4052	Report	5.88
Bio Content	ASTM D6866	>95%	>95%
Water (mg/kg)	ASTM D6304	<150 ppm	91 ppm
Olefin	ASTM D1319	<5.0%	0.0%
Sulfur Content (mg/kg)	ASTM D5453	<10.0 ppm	<0.16 ppm
Reed Vapor Pressure	ASTM D5191	Report	1.7 psi
Research Octane Number (RON)*	ASTM D2699	>95	98.0
GC Analysis – C8 Content	GEVO F36	>95%	96.1%

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# Low Carbon Isooctane

# Gevo is the only company to date with a *proven* technology to produce larger quantities of renewable isooctane

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Proven, we've done it: In Planes, ground equipment, and in the Infrastructure

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# Jet Fuel from Isobutanol



Value Proposition	<ul> <li>Potentially competitive with fossil based jet</li> <li>Jet fuel from isobutanol has higher energy density, lower particulates, lower Sulphur, and lower fossil carbon than petro-jet</li> <li>Helps airlines and other carriers meet the industry goals of zero increased emissions from 2020 onward</li> </ul>
Markets	Incremental demand for jet fuel is about 3 billion gallons year on year. From 2020 onward the IATA has said they would hold emissions from fossil fuels flat. This means that three billion gallons would need to be offset with lower carbon fuels.
Customers	Lufthansa UNITED UNITED UNITED UNITED USAIRFORCE USAIRFORCE USAIRFORCE USAIRFORCE
	ATLAS AIR WORLDWIDE
Sources: International Air Transp	nort Association (IATA); EIA 2016 Annual Energy Outlook. The customers on this slide represent current and past customers. 16

# **Isobutanol as a Gasoline Blendstock**

# Isobutanol delivers better properties than other renewable alcohol blendstocks

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# Plan for Revenue Growth<sup>1</sup>

Plan for	Reven	ue Gr	owth <sup>1</sup>		a y	. aga	*	gevo
	Projected 2018			ted 0	TBD,	/202?	TB	D
Current		ent	Value added products and lower fossil energy at Luverne		Expand Luverne to produce IBA, Jet Fuel, and Isooctane		Future large IBA plant with 26MGPY hydrocarbons	
Product	Capacity	Revenue	Capacity	Revenue <sup>2</sup>	Capacity	Revenue <sup>2</sup>	Capacity	Revenue <sup>2</sup>
Ethanol (MGPY)	20 MGPY	(\$MM) \$25-27	20-26 MGPY	(\$MM) \$30-45	20-26 MGPY	(\$MM) \$30-45		(\$MM)
IBA	1.5 MGPY <sup>3</sup>	7	1.5 MGPY	\$1	2 MGPY	\$5-7	5 MGPY	\$12-15
Hydrocarbons	70 KGPY	≻ ~\$2	100 KGPY <sup>4</sup>	\$2-3	10 MGPY	\$35-46	26 MGPY	\$105-115
Protein, Feed, Food Products	50 kt	\$7-8	50-70 kt	\$10-13	100-130 kt	\$15-25	100-130 kt	\$15-25
Total	Total	\$34-37	Total	\$45-64	Total	\$85-123	Total	\$132-155
<ul> <li>~25% Revenue increase compared to 2017</li> </ul>			Addition of Shockwave Dry Frac     Add CHP and other energy     improvements		<ul> <li>Add 14-18 MGPY IBA capacity and 10 MGPY hydrocarbon capacity to Luverne</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>40 MGPY IBA capacity with 26 MGPY hydrocarbons</li> </ul>	

The information on this slide constitutes forward-looking statements as described on slide 2 of this presentation. All revenue and capacity projections are subject to a number of assumptions and factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those depicted on this slide, including our ability to expand our production capabilities to produce products in the capacities depicted on this slide, demand for our production capabilities to produce products in the capacities depicted on this slide, demand for our production capabilities to produce products in the capacities depicted on this slide, demand for our production capabilities to produce products in the capacities depicted on this slide, demand for our production capabilities to produce products in the capacities advected projections could change depending on a number of known and unknown factors including. UL not limited to, the price of oil, the value of renewable carbon, demand for our products and contractual negotiations with our customers. During 2018, we are using IBA from inventory made in 2017. We may add capacitly for hydrocarbon production of \$000-1,000. KGPV which could generate annual revenue of \$11-22M. Achievement of this production capacity and revenue is dependent upon, among other things, customer demand, off-take agreements that justifies this capacity, construction of the expanded facility, and financing the expanded production facility. 1.

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# **Key Points**



We expect Low Carbon Ethanol 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

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- We expect to build out Luverne for IBA, jet fuel, isooctane once we have a) solid commercial off-take agreements signed, and b) arranged project financing for the build-out. Project financing currently targeted to be 30% equity and 70% debt.
- We envision the Gevo operating Low Carbon Ethanol as well as IBA/Hydrocarbons out of Luverne. Revenues should be over \$100M/yr in this case, and the company could be profitable on a Cash EBITDA basis.
- As market growth accelerates for our products, we plan on licensing technology.

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.



# **Current Production and Products**





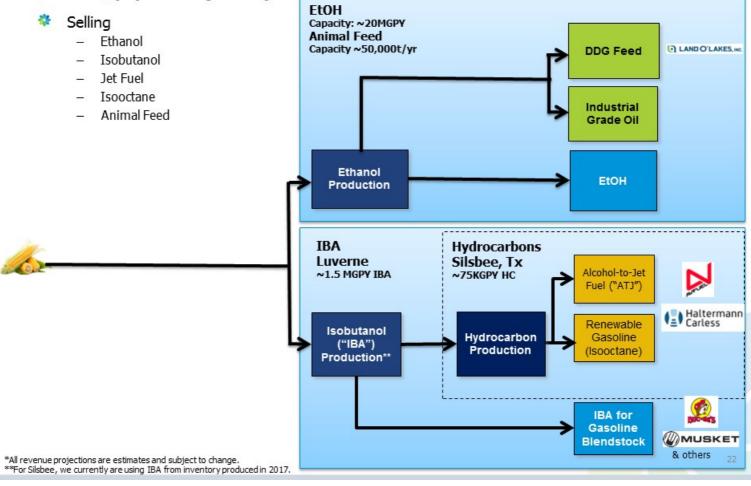
# **Products Sold**

		IBA	EtOH	Jet	
~100 Million lbs per year of animal feed Approximate capacities	~3 Million lbs per year industrial corn o	~1.5 MGPY IBA il	~20 MGPY EtOH	35KGPY Jet	~35KGPY Isooctane

# **Current Business System**

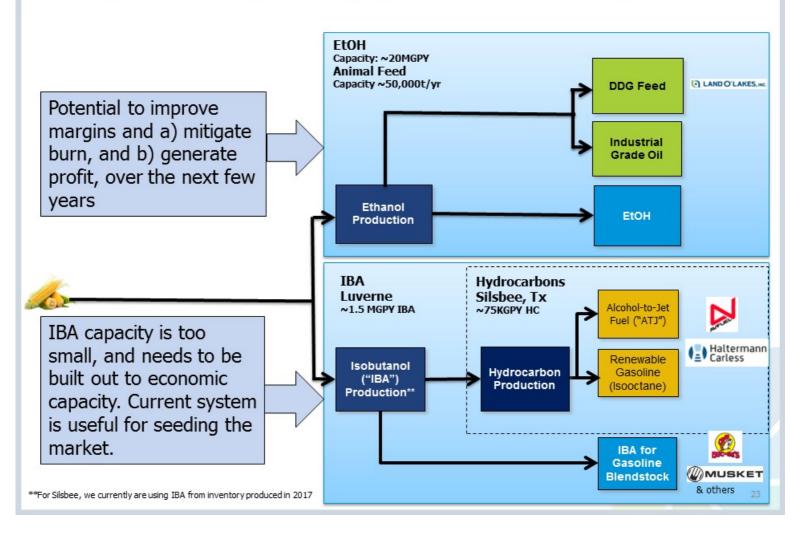




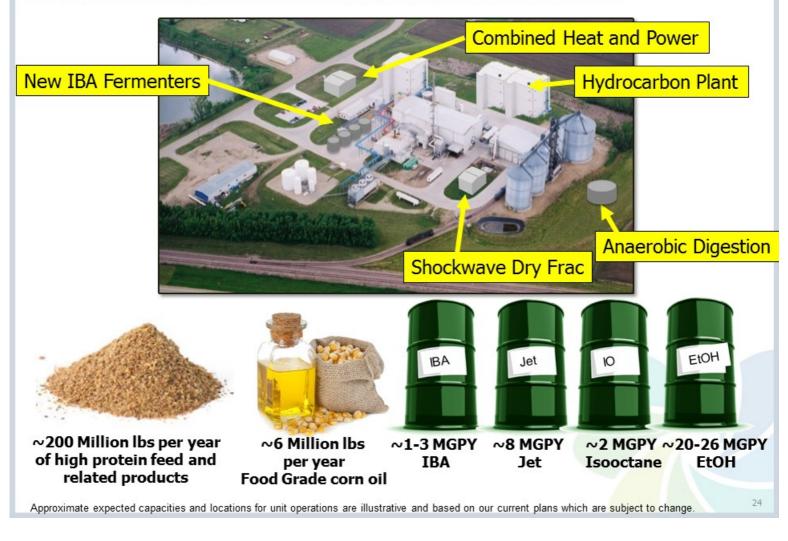


# **Current Business System**





# Road Map to Scale: Set up Luverne for Low Carbon, then Build Out IBA/Hydrocarbons



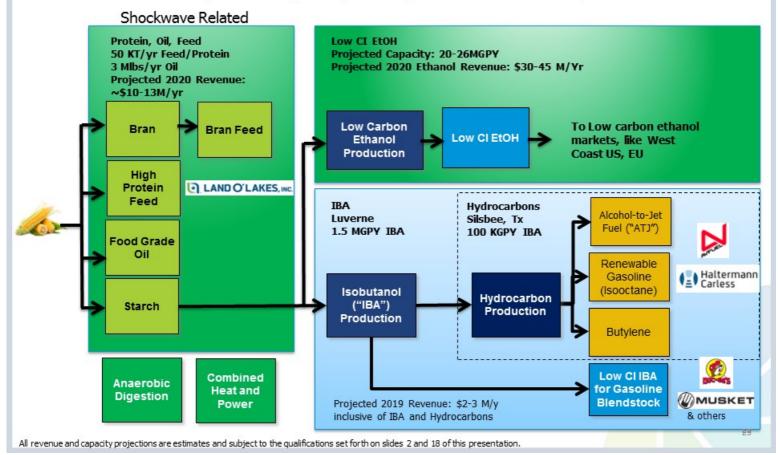
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# Road Map to Scale: Set up Luverne for Low Carbon, then Build Out IBA/Hydrocarbons

### STEP 1:

- Implement Low Carbon Infrastructure and Dry Frac, Resulting in Total Revenue: \$40-60 M/yr (Projected) in 2020
- Use Increased Margin to Mitigate Burn while we develop the IBA and hydrocarbons business
- Secure Solid Off-Take Agreements to Support Project Financing, then Build Out the IBA and Hydrocarbon Section of the Plant

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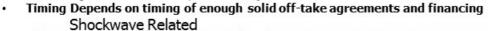
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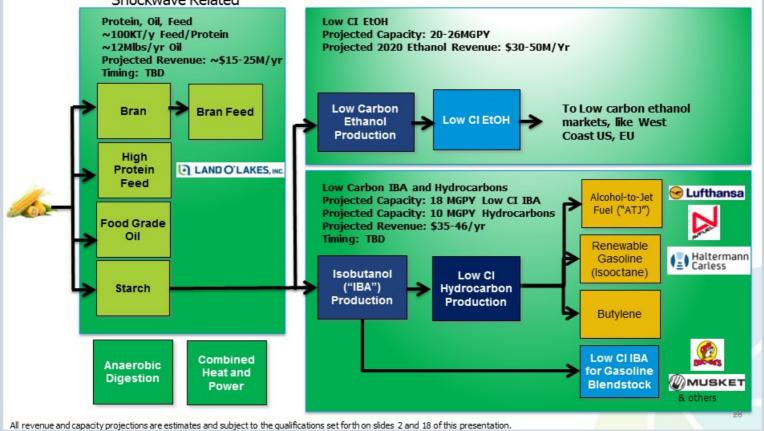
### Step 2:

- Build-out IBA and hydrocarbons
- Produce and sell low carbon: ethanol, IBA, hydrocarbons and animal feed, protein, and food grade oil

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Total Projected Revenue: \$85-123M/yr







	Build Out Strategies
Side-by- Side/ Retrofit	<ul> <li>Side-by-Side at Luverne validates the model of isobutanol/ethanol co-production</li> <li>Add value to existing Ethanol Plants by adding IBA production</li> <li>Opportunities exist to completely retrofit and transform underperforming ethanol plants</li> </ul>
Greenfields/	Given the market potential and margin for IBA and its hydrocarbons, opportunities for new plant builds exist, unlike in the ethanol industry
Brownfields	Isobutanol feedstock flexibility and variety of markets makes this a truly global opportunity, with ability to address demand for low-carbon fuels worldwide

### North American Market

### Blended business model

### Own and operate Luverne

- Add distillation and fermentation equipment, to run IBA continuously, and with a positive margin
- Potentially build additional capacity at Luverne

### Licensing model

Leverage balance sheets of others

### **International Market**

### Licensing model

- Praj and Gevo have completed the Process Design Package for molasses as a feedstock
- Currently negotiating licenses. Initial target licensees located in India



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# **Investment Highlights**



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# Attractive Market Opportunities:

- Jet Fuel
- Gasoline
- Multiple petrochemical market segments

# Growing Revenue Base:

- 2017 = \$ 27 Million
- 2018 (Projected) = \$34-37 million

# Strong Financial Position:

- Cash: \$40.3 million (7/31/2018)
- Debt: 2020 Notes = \$13.6 million principal (Whitebox)

# Key Growth Drivers:

- Large customers increased utilization of product
- Growing licensing deals for technology
- International regulatory requirements for reduced carbon output
- Sustainability requirements of large corporations to reduce carbon foot print
- Lower cost alternative to other "green" technologies

# Proven Technology:

- Gevo has shown that its technologies work and that there is a growing market for its products

# Large, Growing, World-class Customer Base



# THANK YOU

# **Gevo Summary Overview**



### **Business Overview**

- Headquarters: Englewood, CO
- Founded: 2005
- Employees: ~50 (20 in Denver, 30 in Luverne)
- Proprietary technology position (patents and know-how) for the production of isobutanol and hydrocarbon fuels and chemicals
- Technologies work
- Produces: Ethanol, IBA, jet fuel, Isooctane, Feed, Corn Oil

### Facility Overview

- Corporate Headquarters (Englewood, CO) – Houses corporate functions and Gevo's main R&D laboratories
- Alcohol Production Facility (Luverne, MN) – 20MGPY Ethanol, 1.5 MGPY IBA, Operates well. Potential for low carbon credits. Potential to build out IBA to 14-18MGPY leveraging already install capex.
- Jet and Isooctane Biorefinery (Silsbee, TX) – Demo/specialty commercial facility that transforms isobutanol to jet fuel, isooctane and para-xylene (PX). 60KGPY of capacity



Luverne Facility



Silsbee Facility

### Customers, Partnerships, and Agreements



### **End Markets Served**

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

The customers on this slide represent current and past customers

# **Balance Sheet**



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### GEVO, INC. Consolidated Balance Sheets (in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

Assets		unaudited) June 30, 2018	D	ecember 31, 2017
Assets Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	0	27,030	s	11,553
Accounts receivable	4	1,443	4	1,054
Inventories		3,846		4,362
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		15,258		712
Total current assets		47,577		17,681
Property, plant and equipment, net		67,180		70,369
Deposits and other assets		1,273		803
Total assets	S	116,030	S	88,853
Liabilities				
Ourrent liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	S	3,520	S	4,011
2020 Notes embedded derivative liability		684		5,224
Derivative warrant liability		86		1,951
Total current liabilities		4,290		11,180
2020 Notes, net		11,731		13,491
2022 Notes, net 2022 Notes, net		11,731		515
Other long-term liabilities		414		130
Total liabilities	S	16,435	5	25,322
Commitments and Contingencies (see Note 11) Stockholders' Equity				
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share; 250,000,000 authorized, 7,990,050 and 1,090,553 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2018 and December 31,		222		
2017, respectively		80		11
Additional paid-in capital		514,859		464,870
Accumulated deficit		(415,344)		(401,350
Total stockholders' equity	-	99,595	-	63,531
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	2	116,030	2	88,853
See the accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.				

# Income Statement



		Six Months E	nded June 30			
(in thousands)		2018		2017	Change	
Revenue and cost of goods sold			- 97.		-	
Ethanol sales and related products, net	S	17,031	S	12,333	S	4,698
Hydrocarbon revenue		607		749		(142)
Grant and other revenue		25		75		(50)
Total revenues		17,663		13,157		4,506
Cost of goods sold		21,276		19,113		2,163
Gross loss		(3,613)		(5,956)		2,343
Operating expenses						
Research and development expense		2,258		3,108		(850)
Selling, general and administrative expense		3,507		4,297		(790)
Total operating expenses		5,765	_	7,405	-	(1,640)
Loss from operations		(9,378)		(13,361)		3,983
Other (expense) income						
Interest expense		(1,729)		(1,341)		(388)
(Loss) on exchange or conversion of debt		(2,202)		(4,933)		2,731
(Loss) from change in fair value of the 2017 Notes		-		(339)		339
(Loss)/Gain from change in fair value of derivative warrant liability		(3,040)		5,519		(8,559)
(Loss)/Gain from change in fair value of 2020 Notes embedded derivative		2,347		(1,662)		4,009
Other income		8	10	26		(18)
Total other expense, net		(4,616)		(2,730)		(1,886)
Net loss	S	(13,994)	S	(16,091)	S	2,097





# **Cash** (7/31/2018):

• \$40.3 million

# 🗱 Debt:

• 2020 Notes (Whitebox): \$13.64 million principal

# Common Shares (7/31/2018):

• ≈ 8.1 million

# 🔻 Warrants

- 58,974 Warrants outstanding
  - 4,326 @ \$4.20/share strike price
  - 14,088 @ \$40.00/share strike price
  - 40,560 @ >\$100/share strike price

