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

# **FORM 10-Q**

# **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2019

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 001-35073

# GEVO, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

345 Inverness Drive South, Building C, Suite 310 Englewood, CO (Address of principal executive offices) 87-0747704 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 80112 (Zip Code)

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

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<b>Title of Each Class</b>	<b>Trading Symbol</b>	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	GEVO	Nasdaq Capital Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  $\boxtimes$  No  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes  $\boxtimes$  No  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act:

Large accelerated filer	Accelerated filer	
Non-accelerated filer	Smaller reporting company	$\mathbf{X}$
	Emerging growth company	

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.

As of November 1, 2019, 13,545,859 shares of the registrant's common stock were outstanding.

# GEVO, INC.

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# PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# Item 1. Financial Statements.

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

	September 30, 2019 (unaudited)		D	ecember 31, 2018
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	20,944	\$	33,734
Accounts receivable		378		526
Inventories		2,962		3,166
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		1,558		1,284
Total current assets		25,842		38,710
Property, plant and equipment, net		67,148		67,036
Investment in Juhl		1,500		—
Deposits and other assets		978		1,289
Total assets	\$	95,468	\$	107,035
Liabilities				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	4,434	\$	4,874
2020 Notes (current), net		13,643		
2020 Notes embedded derivative liability		_		394
Derivative warrant liability		21		22
Total current liabilities		18,098		5,290
2020 Notes (long-term), net				12,554
Other long-term liabilities		450		404
Total liabilities		18,548		18,248
Commitments and Contingencies (see Note 12)				
Stockholders' Equity				
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share; 250,000,000 authorized; 13,369,001 and 8,640,583 shares				
issued and outstanding at September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively		133		86
Additional paid-in capital		527,958		518,027
Accumulated deficit		(451,171)		(429,326)
Total stockholders' equity		76,920		88,787
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	95,468	\$	107,035

See the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

# GEVO, INC. Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands, except share and per share amounts) (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,				
		2019		2018		2019		2018
Revenue								
Ethanol sales and related products, net	\$	5,554	\$	8,071	\$	16,184	\$	25,102
Hydrocarbon revenue		550		504		1,381		1,111
Grant and other revenue		6		—		34		25
Total revenues		6,110		8,575		17,599		26,238
Cost of goods sold		9,893		10,628		27,306		31,904
Gross loss		(3,783)		(2,053)		(9,707)		(5,666)
Operating expenses								
Research and development expense		1,789		1,865		3,712		4,123
Selling, general and administrative expense		2,431		2,190		6,705		5,697
Total operating expenses	_	4,220		4,055		10,417		9,820
Loss from operations		(8,003)	<u></u>	(6,108)		(20,124)		(15,486)
Other (expense) income								
Interest expense		(605)		(767)		(2,127)		(2,496)
Loss on exchange of debt								(2,202)
Gain (loss) from change in fair value of derivative warrant liability		(2)		5		1		(3,035)
Gain (loss) from change in fair value of 2020 Notes embedded derivative				(7)		394		2,340
Other income (expense)		(9)		(3)		11		5
Total other expense, net		(616)		(772)		(1,721)		(5,388)
Net loss	\$	(8,619)	\$	(6,880)	\$	(21,845)	\$	(20,874)
Net loss per share - basic and diluted	\$	(0.66)	\$	(0.85)	\$	(1.87)	\$	(5.75)
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding - basic and diluted	_	12,968,265		8,087,397	_	11,679,530		3,629,370

See the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

# GEVO, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (In thousands, except share amounts)

	Commo	on Stock		Paid-In		Paid-In Accumulated			
	Shares	Ar	nount	Capital		Deficit	_	Equity	
Balance, December 31, 2018	8,640,583	\$	86	\$ 518,027	\$	(429,326	6)	\$ 88,787	
Issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs	3,244,941		33	9,611		_	-	9,644	
Non-cash stock-based compensation	_		—	234			-	234	
Net loss			<u> </u>			(6,136	5)	(6,136)	
Balance, March 31, 2019	11,885,524		119	527,872		(435,462	2)	92,529	
Issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs				(14			_	(14)	
Non-cash stock-based compensation	—		-	172			-	172	
Net loss						(7,090	<u>)</u> )	(7,090)	
Balance, June 30, 2019	11,885,524		119	528,030		(442,552	2)	85,597	
Issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs				(161	)	_	_	(161)	
Non-cash stock-based compensation	_			304		_	-	304	
Issuance of common stock under stock plans, net of taxes	1,483,477		14	(215	)	_	_	(201)	
Net loss	_		_			(8,619	<del>)</del> )	(8,619)	
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Balance, September 30, 2019	13,369,001	\$	133	\$ 527,958	\$	(451,172	1)	\$ 76,920	
	Common S	Stock		Paid-In	Acc	umulated	Ste	ockholders'	
	Shares	Amou	int	Capital	Ι	Deficit		Equity	
Balance, December 31, 2017	1,090,553 \$		11 \$	464,870	5	(401,350)	\$	63,531	
Issuance of common stock under stock plans, net	30		_	_		_		_	
Issuance of common stock, net of issue costs and warrants	5,208			(107)		—		(107)	
Non-cash stock-based compensation								98	
				98					
Issuance of common stock upon exchange of debt	39,016		_	98 528		_		528	
	39,016					 (2,502)		528 (2,502)	
Issuance of common stock upon exchange of debt	39,016  1,134,807					(2,502) (403,852)			
Issuance of common stock upon exchange of debt Net loss Balance, March 31, 2018 Shares issued upon reverse stock split				528 —				(2,502)	
Issuance of common stock upon exchange of debt Net loss Balance, March 31, 2018 Shares issued upon reverse stock split Issuance of common stock under stock plans, net	1,134,807			528 				(2,502) 61,548 — —	
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Issuance of common stock under stock plans, net	70		—	—	—
Issuance of common stock, net of issue costs and warrants	105,000	1	339		340
Non-cash stock-based compensation	—		169		169
Net loss	—	—	—	(6,880)	(6,880)
Balance, September 30, 2018	8,095,120	\$ 81	\$ 515,367	\$ (422,224)	\$ 93,224

See the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

# GEVO, INC. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (in thousands) (unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 3			
	2019	2018		
Operating Activities				
Net loss	\$ (21,84	5) \$ (20,874)		
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:				
(Gain) loss from change in fair value of derivative warrant liability		1) 3,035		
(Gain) from change in fair value of 2020 Notes embedded derivative	(39	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
(Gain) on sale of property, plant and equipment	(1	/		
Loss on exchange of debt	-	- 2,202		
Stock-based compensation	93			
Depreciation and amortization	4,84	,		
Non-cash interest expense	1,08			
Other non-cash expense		1 6		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable	14	8 417		
Inventories	20			
Prepaid expenses and other current assets, deposits and other assets	(2	3) (295)		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and long-term liabilities	25			
Net cash used in operating activities	(14,79	8) (10,154)		
Investing Activities				
Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment	(5,77	9) (933)		
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	1			
Investment in Juhl	(1,50	0) —		
Net cash used in investing activities	(7,26			
Financing Activities				
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	9,64			
Proceeds from exercise of common stock warrants	_	- 1,263		
Net settlement of common stock under stock plans	(20	1) —		
Debt and equity offering costs	(17	8) (365)		
Net cash provided by financing activities	9,26	8 37,850		
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(12,79	0) 26,763		
Cash, cash equivalent and restricted cash				
Beginning of period	33,73	4 11,553		
End of period	\$ 20,94	4 \$ 38,316		

See the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

# GEVO, INC. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - Continued (in thousands) (unaudited)

Supplemental disclosures of cash and non-cash investing and financing transactions		Nine Months Ended September					
		2019		2018			
Cash paid for interest	\$	1,038	\$	1,261			
Non-cash purchase of property, plant and equipment	\$	41	\$	440			
Exchange of convertible debt into common stock	\$	_	\$	3,701			
Fair value of 2020 Notes embedded derivative liability upon conversion into common stock	\$	—	\$	2,193			
Fair value of warrants at issuance and upon exercise, net	\$		\$	4,905			

See the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

# 1. Nature of Business, Financial Condition and Basis of Presentation

*Nature of Business*. Gevo, Inc. ("Gevo" or the "Company," which, unless otherwise indicated, refers to Gevo, Inc. and its subsidiaries) is a nextgeneration, low-carbon fuel company focused on the development and commercialization of renewable biofuel alternatives to fossil-based products. Lowcarbon fuels reduce the carbon intensity, or the level of greenhouse gas emissions ("GHG"), compared to standard petroleum, fossil-based, fuels across their lifecycle. The most common low-carbon fuels are renewable fuels. Gevo is focused on the development and production of mainstream fuels like jet fuel and gasoline, using renewable feedstocks to produce sustainable aviation fuel and renewable gasoline that have the potential to lower GHG at a meaningful scale and enhance sustainable agricultural, including food and other related products. In addition to serving the low-carbon fuel markets, through Gevo's technology, Gevo can also serve markets for the production of intermediate chemical products for solvents, plastics and building-block chemicals using our technologies.

In addition to its ethanol production capabilities, the Company developed proprietary technology that uses a combination of synthetic biology, metabolic engineering, chemistry and chemical engineering to make isobutanol and hydrocarbon products from isobutanol that can displace petrochemical incumbent products. The Company has been able to genetically engineer yeast, whereby the yeast produces isobutanol from carbohydrates. The Company's technology converts its renewable isobutanol to alcohol-to-jet ("ATJ"), isooctane, isooctene and para-xylene (building block for polyester) at its hydrocarbons demonstration plant located at South Hampton Resources, Inc's facility in Silsbee, Texas (the "South Hampton Facility"). In addition, the Company's production facility located in Luverne, Minnesota (the "Luverne Facility") has production capacity of about 20 million gallons per year of ethanol, 45-50 kilotons of animal feed and 3 million pounds of corn oil.

As of September 30, 2019, the Company continues to engage in research and development, business development, business and financial planning, optimizing operations for low-carbon ethanol, isobutanol and related hydrocarbons production, and raising capital to fund future expansion of its Luverne Facility. Ultimately, the Company believes that the attainment of profitable operations is dependent upon future events, including (i) completing certain capital improvements at the Luverne Facility to produce low-carbon ethanol side-by-side with low-carbon isobutanol; (ii) completing the Company's development activities resulting in commercial production and sales of low-carbon ethanol, isobutanol, or isobutanol derived products and/or technology; (iii) obtaining adequate financing to complete the Company's development activities, including the build out of low-carbon ethanol capacity and further isobutanol and hydrocarbon capacity; (iv) gaining market acceptance and demand for the Company's products and services; (v) attracting and retaining qualified personnel; and (vi) the achievement of a level of revenues adequate to support the Company's cost structure.

*Financial Condition*. For the nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, the Company incurred a consolidated net loss of \$21.8 million and \$20.9 million, respectively, and had an accumulated deficit of \$451.2 million at September 30, 2019. The Company's cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2019 totaled \$20.9 million and are expected to be used for the following purposes: (i) operating activities of the Luverne Facility; (ii) operating activities at the Company's corporate headquarters in Colorado, including research and development work; (iii) capital expenditures primarily associated with the Luverne Facility, including capital expenditures to "de-carbonize" the Luverne Facility; (iv) exploration of strategic alternatives and new financings; and (v) debt service and repayment obligations. The Company is actively working on refinancing its 2020 Notes (as defined below) that mature on March 15, 2020.

The Company expects to incur future net losses as it continues to fund the development and commercialization of its product candidates. To date, the Company has financed its operations primarily with proceeds from multiple sales of equity and debt securities, borrowings under debt facilities and product sales. The Company's transition to profitability is dependent upon, among other things, the successful development and commercialization of its product candidates and the achievement of a level of revenues adequate to support the Company's cost structure. The Company may never achieve profitability or positive cash flows, and unless and until it does, the Company will continue to need to raise additional cash. Management intends to fund future operations through additional private and/or public offerings of debt or equity securities. In addition, the Company may seek additional capital through arrangements with strategic partners or from other sources. The Company may seek to restructure its debt and will continue to address its cost structure. Notwithstanding, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to raise additional funds or achieve or sustain profitability or positive cash flows from operations.

*At-the-Market Offering Program.* In February 2018, the Company commenced an at-the-market offering program, which allows it to sell and issue shares of its common stock from time-to-time. The at-the-market offering program was amended multiple times during 2018 to increase the available capacity under the at-the-market offering program by an aggregate of approximately \$84.9 million. In August 2019, the at-the-market offering was amended to increase the available capacity under the at-the-market offering program by \$10.7 million. During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, the Company issued 3,244,941 shares of common stock under the at-the-market offering program for gross proceeds of \$9.9 million. The Company paid commissions and incurred other offering related expenses totaling \$0.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2019. There were no sales under the at-the-market offering program during the third quarter of 2019. As of September 30, 2019, the Company had the capacity to issue up to approximately \$10.7 million of common stock under the at-the-market offering program.

From October 1, 2019 to November 11, 2019, the Company issued 322,899 shares of common stock under the at-the-market offering program for gross proceeds of \$0.9 million, net of \$0.03 million of commissions and offering related expenses.

*Basis of Presentation.* The unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company (which include the accounts of its wholly-owned subsidiaries Gevo Development, LLC ("Gevo Development") and Agri-Energy, LLC ("Agri-Energy")) have been prepared, without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, they do not include all information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. These statements reflect all normal and recurring adjustments which, in the opinion of management, are necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company at September 30, 2019 and are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. These statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included under the heading "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in Part II, Item 8 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018.

*Investment in Juhl.* In September 2019, Agri-Energy purchased 1.5 million shares of Series A preferred stock of Juhl Clean Energy Assets, Inc. ("Juhl") for a purchase price of \$1.00 per share in connection with the development of wind electrical energy generating facility project near the Luverne Facility. An affiliate of Juhl will construct, own and operate the wind project, and Agri-Energy will purchase the electricity directly from the City of Luverne. The investment in Juhl is accounted for under the cost method.

Income Taxes. There is no provision for income taxes because the Company has incurred operating losses since inception.

*Concentration of Business Risk.* As of September 30, 2019, two customers, Coryton Advanced Fuels Ltd ("Coryton") and Eco-Energy, LLC ("Eco-Energy"), comprised 56% and 15% of accounts receivable, respectively. At December 31, 2018, two customers, Eco-Energy and Purina Animal Nutrition, LLC ("Purina") comprised 66% and 29% of trade accounts receivable, respectively.

For the three months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, sales to Eco-Energy represented approximately 73% and 72% of the Company's consolidated revenue and sales to Purina represented approximately 16% and 18% of the Company's consolidated revenue, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, sales to Eco-Energy represented approximately 72% and 72% of the Company's consolidated revenue and sales to Purina represented approximately 16% consolidated revenue, respectively.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

*Financial Instruments - Credit Losses. Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments.* In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2016-13, *Financial Instruments - Credit Losses Measurement of Credits Losses on Financial Instruments* ("ASU 2016-13"), which replaces accounting for credit losses for most financial assets, including trade accounts receivable, and certain other instruments that are not measured at fair value through income. ASU 2016-13 replaces the current "incurred loss" model, in which losses are recognized when a loss is incurred as of the date of the balance sheet, to an "expected credit loss" model, which includes a broader range of information to estimate expected credit losses over the lifetime of the financial asset. ASU 2016-13 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. It is expected that the adoption of this standard will primarily apply to the valuation of the Company's trade accounts receivables. The Company sells primarily to a small quantity of large customers with significant balance sheets and those financial assets are often settled within one-to-two weeks after the completion of the corresponding sales transaction. The Company does not anticipate that the adoption of this standard will have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

### Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncements.

*Leases.* In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases* ("ASU 2016-02"). ASU 2016-02 requires most contracts which convey over a period of time the right to use or control the use of an asset to be recognized on a company's financial statements. The objective is to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. ASU 2016-02 was effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The standard required using the modified retrospective transition method and applying ASU 2016-02 either at the (i) latter of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements or commencement date of the lease, or (ii) beginning of the period of adoption. The Company adopted the standard effective January 1, 2019 with no retrospective adjustment to prior periods presented in the financial statements. There was no impact to the opening balance of retained earnings as of January 1, 2019 as a result of the adoption of this standard.

As a result of adopting ASU 2016-02, the Company recognized \$1.2 million in right-to-use assets and related lease liabilities at January 1, 2019. The Company elected both (i) the short term lease scope exception for leases with original terms of twelve months or less and (ii) the package of practical expedients, which included the ability to classify leases as operating, for those leases existing prior to January 1, 2019 that were previously classified as operating under Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 840, *Leases*, the superseded accounting standard for the accounting for leases.

Derivatives and Hedging. Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Down Round Provisions. In July 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-11, *Derivatives and Hedging Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Down Round Provisions* ("ASU 2017-11"), which was effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. The standard simplifies the accounting for certain equity-linked financial instruments and embedded features with down round features that reduce the exercise price when the pricing of a future round of financing is lower. Currently, the existence of such features requires classification outside of equity and recognition of changes in the fair value of the instrument in earnings each reporting period. This standard eliminates the need to remeasure the instruments at fair value and allows classification within equity. The adoption of this standard has not materially impacted the Company's accounting, as current liability classified financial instruments and embedded derivatives that require separation from the host instrument have features other than down-round provisions that require current accounting and classification.

# 2. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings (loss) per share ("EPS") is computed by dividing the net income (loss) for the period by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings (loss) per share includes the dilutive effect of common stock equivalents and is computed using the weighted-average number of common stock and common stock equivalents outstanding during the reporting period. Diluted EPS for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018 excluded common stock equivalents because the effect of their inclusion would be anti-dilutive or would decrease the reported loss per share.

The following table sets forth securities outstanding that could potentially dilute the calculation of diluted EPS:

	Three and Nine M Septembe	
	2019	2018
Warrants to purchase common stock - liability classified (see Note 7)	54,989	58,902
Warrant to purchase common stock - equity classified	—	6
2020 Notes	997,914	1,094,282
Outstanding options to purchase common stock (see Note 11)	1,564	813
Stock appreciation rights	132,566	132,559
Unvested restricted common stock	—	290,300
Total	1,187,033	1,576,862

# 3. Revenues from Contracts with Customers; Other Revenues

The Company's current and historical revenues have consisted of the following: (a) ethanol sales and related products revenue, net; (b) hydrocarbon revenue; and (c) grant and other revenue, which primarily has historically consisted of revenues from governmental and cooperative research grants.

*Ethanol sales and related products revenues.* Ethanol sales and related products revenues are sold to customers on a "free-on-board, shipping point" basis. Each transaction occurs independent of any other sale, and once sold, there are no future obligations on the part of the Company to provide post-sale support or promises to deliver future goods or services.

*Hydrocarbon revenue*. Hydrocarbon revenue includes sales of ATJ, isooctene and isooctane and is sold mostly on a "free-on-board, shipping point" basis. Each transaction occurs independent of any other sale, and once sold, there are no future obligations on the part of the Company to provide post-sale support or promises to deliver future goods or services.

*Grant and other revenues.* Grant revenues have historically consisted of governmental and cooperative research grants. Other revenues have historically included occasional short-term (less than one-year) consulting services and leases of certain storage facilities located at the Luverne Facility.

The following table sets forth the components of the Company's revenues between those generated from contracts with customers and those generated from arrangements that do not constitute a contract with a customer (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2019								
	Reve	enues from							
	Cont	tracts with							
Major Goods/Service Line	Cu	istomers	Other Revenues			Total			
Ethanol sales and related products, net	\$	5,554	\$	_	\$	5,554			
Hydrocarbon revenue		550		—		550			
Grant and other revenue		—		6		6			
	\$	6,104	\$	6	\$	6,110			
Timing of Revenue Recognition									
Goods transferred at a point in time	\$	6,104	\$	—	\$	6,104			
Services transferred over time		—		6		6			
	\$	6,104	\$	6	\$	6,110			

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018							
	Revenues from							
	Cont	racts with						
Major Goods/Service Line	Cu	stomers	Other Revenues			Total		
Ethanol sales and related products, net	\$	8,071	\$	_	\$	8,071		
Hydrocarbon revenue		504				504		
Grant and other revenue								
	\$	8,575	\$	_	\$	8,575		
Timing of Revenue Recognition								
Goods transferred at a point in time	\$	8,575	\$	—	\$	8,575		
Services transferred over time						—		
	\$	8,575	\$		\$	8,575		



	Nine Months Ended September							
	Reve	nues from						
	Cont	racts with						
Major Goods/Service Line	Cu	stomers	Other F	Revenues		Total		
Ethanol sales and related products, net	\$	16,184	\$	_	\$	16,184		
Hydrocarbon revenue		1,381		—		1,381		
Grant and other revenue				34		34		
	\$	17,565	\$	34	\$	17,599		
Timing of Revenue Recognition								
Goods transferred at a point in time	\$	17,565	\$	—	\$	17,565		
Services transferred over time				34		34		
	\$	17,565	\$	34	\$	17,599		

	Nine Months Ended September 30							
	R	levenues from						
	C	Contracts with						
Major Goods/Service Line		Customers	Other Revenues		Total			
Ethanol sales and related products, net	\$	25,102		\$	25,102			
Hydrocarbon revenue		1,111	—		1,111			
Grant and other revenue		25			25			
	\$	26,238	\$ —	\$	26,238			
Timing of Revenue Recognition								
Goods transferred at a point in time	\$	26,213	\$ —	\$	26,213			
Services transferred over time		25	—		25			
	\$	26,238	\$ —	\$	26,238			

*Goods transferred at a point-in-time.* For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, there were no contracts with customers for which consideration was variable or for which there were multiple performance obligations for any given contract. Accordingly, the entire transaction price is allocated to the goods transferred. As of September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, there were no remaining unfulfilled or partially fulfilled performance obligations.

All goods transferred are tested to ensure product sold satisfies contractual product specifications prior to transfer. The customer obtains control of the goods when title and risk of loss for the goods has transferred, which in most cases is *"free-on-board, shipping point"*. All material contracts have payment terms of between one to three months and there are no return or refund rights.

*Services transferred over time.* For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, there were no contracts for which consideration was variable or for which there were multiple performance obligations for any given contract. Accordingly, the entire transaction price is allocated to the individual service performance obligation. As of September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, there were no material unfulfilled or partially fulfilled performance obligations.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, revenues were recognized ratably over time, as the performance obligation was satisfied and benefit to the customer was transferred on a ratable basis over time.

*Contract Assets and Trade Receivables.* As of September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, there were no contract assets or liabilities as all customer amounts owed to the Company are unconditional and the Company does not receive payment in advance for its products. Accordingly, amounts owed by customers are classified as account receivables on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. In addition, due to the nature of the Company's contracts, there are no costs incurred or to be paid in the future that qualify for asset recognition as a cost to fulfill or obtain a contract. The Company did not incur any impairment losses on any receivables as all amounts owed were paid or current as of September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018.

#### 4. Leases, Right-to-Use Assets and Related Liabilities

The Company enters into various arrangements which constitute a lease as defined by ASC 842, *Leases*, as part of its ongoing business activities and operations. Leases represent a contract or part of a contract that conveys the right to control the use of identified property, plant or equipment (an identified asset) for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Such contracts result in both (a) right-to-use assets, which represent the Company's right to use an underlying asset for the term of the contract; and (b) a corresponding lease liability which represents the Company's obligation to make the lease payments arising from the contract, measured on a discounted basis.

The contracts for the Company are comprised of facility, equipment and transportation leases necessary to conduct the Company's day-to-day operations for which the Company maintains control of right-to-use assets and incurs the related liabilities.

The Company elected to adopt both the (a) short-term lease exemption for those leases with initial terms of twelve months or less; and (b) the practical expedient to not separate lease components from non-lease components, if applicable. Leases which qualify for the short-term scope exception consist of certain residential rents for executive apartments, certain of the Company's railcar leases and other equipment leases. There were no leases containing variable lease payments and none of the Company's leases contained extension or termination options which were necessary in determining the value of the right-to-use asset and related liabilities. The Company assumed a 12.0% discount rate, which is consistent with the stated rate on the Company's 2020 Notes and represents the best approximation of the rate implicit in the Company's leases.

Upon adoption of ASC 842, *Leases*, which was effective January 1, 2019, the Company recognized a total of \$1.2 million of right-to-use assets and related lease liabilities. Within the unaudited consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2019, (i) \$0.4 million of right-to-use assets with a remaining term exceeding twelve months are included in *"Deposits and other assets"*, and for the related lease liabilities, (ii) \$0.3 million are included in *"Accounts payable and accrued liabilities"* for the current portion, and (iii) \$0.2 million are included in *"Other long-term liabilities"* for the non-current portion.

There are two contractual agreements related to equipment improvements at the Luverne Facility that were not recognized as of September 30, 2019 as a result of operating contingencies which must be satisfied before the Company is obligated under the terms of the contract. The total estimated fair value of unrecognized right-to-use assets and related lease liabilities relating to these contracts was approximately \$3.0 million as of September 30, 2019.

The following table presents the (a) costs by lease category and (b) other quantitative information relating to the Company's leases:

	E	e Months Ended ember 30, 2019	 e Months Ended tember 30, 2019
Lease Cost			
Operating lease cost	\$	435	\$ 1,166
Short-Term lease cost		18	50
Total lease cost	\$	453	\$ 1,216
Other Information			
Cash paid for the measurement of lease liabilities			
Operating cash flows from operating leases			\$ 1,166
Weighted-average remaining lease term, operating leases (months)			22.0
Weighted-average discount rate - operating leases			12%

# 5. Inventories

The following table sets forth the components of the Company's inventory balances (in thousands):

	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2018
Raw materials		
Corn	\$ 64	\$ 29
Enzymes and other inputs	287	204
Finished goods		
Ethanol	102	182
Isobutanol	245	549
Jet Fuels, Isooctane and Isooctene	607	394
Distiller's grains	9	54
Work in process - Agri-Energy	9	214
Work in process - Gevo	124	89
Spare parts	1,515	1,451
Total inventories	\$ 2,962	\$ 3,166

Work in process inventory includes unfinished jet fuel, isooctane and isooctene inventory.

# 6. Property, Plant and Equipment

The following table sets forth the Company's property, plant and equipment by classification (in thousands):

	Useful Life (in years)	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2018
Luverne retrofit asset	20	\$ 70,82	) \$ 70,842
Plant machinery and equipment	10	17,43	l 16,285
Site improvements	10	7,06	2 7,055
Lab equipment, furniture and fixtures and vehicles	5	6,47	6,574
Demonstration plant	2	3,59	7 3,597
Leasehold improvements, pilot plant, land and support equipment	2 to 5	2,55	3 2,542
Buildings	10	2,54	3 2,543
Computer, office equipment and software	3	1,50	7 1,848
Construction in progress		7,23	) 3,478
		119,22	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		(52,07	9) (47,728)
Property, plant and equipment, net		\$ 67,14	3 \$ 67,036

Included in cost of goods sold is depreciation of \$1.6 million during the three months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018; and \$4.7 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018.

Included in operating expenses is depreciation of \$0.03 million and \$0.1 million during the three months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively; and \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

# 7. Embedded Derivatives and Derivative Warrant Liabilities

### 2020 Notes Embedded Derivative

In June 2017, the Company issued 12% convertible senior secured notes due 2020 (the "2020 Notes") in exchange for its 12.0% convertible senior secured notes due 2017 (the "2017 Notes"). The 2020 Notes contain the following embedded derivatives: (i) a Make-Whole Payment (as defined in the indenture governing the 2020 Notes (the "2020 Notes Indenture")) upon either conversion or redemption; (ii) right to redeem the outstanding principal upon a Fundamental Change (as defined in the 2020 Notes Indenture); (iii) issuer rights to convert into a limited number of shares in any given three month period commencing nine months from the issuance date and dependent on the stock price exceeding 150% of the then in-effect conversion price over a ten-business day period; and (iv) holder rights to convert into either shares of the Company's common stock or pre-funded warrants upon the election of the holders of the 2020 Notes.

Embedded derivatives are separated from the host contract and the 2020 Notes and carried at fair value when: (a) the embedded derivative possesses economic characteristics that are not clearly and closely related to the economic characteristics of the host contract; and (b) a separate, stand-alone instrument with the same terms would qualify as a derivative instrument. The Company has concluded that certain embedded derivatives within the 2020 Notes meet these criteria and, as such, must be valued separate and apart from the 2020 Notes as one embedded derivative and recorded at fair value each reporting period.

The Company used a binomial lattice model in order to estimate the fair value of the embedded derivative in the 2020 Notes. A binomial lattice model generates two probable outcomes, whether up or down, arising at each point in time, starting from the date of valuation until the maturity date. A lattice was initially used to determine if the 2020 Notes would be converted by the holder, called by the issuer, or held at each decision point. Within the lattice model, the following assumptions are made: (i) the 2020 Notes will be converted by the holder if the conversion value plus the holder's Make-Whole Payment is greater than the holding value; or (ii) the 2020 Notes will be called by the issuer if (a) the stock price exceeds 150% of the then in-effect conversion price over a ten-business day period and (b) if the holding value is greater than the conversion value plus the Make-Whole Payment at the time.

Using this lattice model, the Company valued the embedded derivative using a "with-and-without method", where the value of the 2020 Notes including the embedded derivative is defined as the "with" and the value of the 2020 Notes excluding the embedded derivative is defined as the "without". This method estimates the value of the embedded derivative by comparing the difference in the values between the 2020 Notes with the embedded derivative and the value of the 2020 Notes without the embedded derivative. The lattice model requires the following inputs: (i) price of Gevo common stock; (ii) Conversion Rate (as defined in the 2020 Notes Indenture); (iii) Conversion Price (as defined in the 2020 Notes Indenture); (iv) maturity date; (v) risk-free interest rate; (vi) estimated stock volatility; and (vii) estimated credit spread for the Company.

As of September 30, 2019, the estimated fair value of the embedded derivatives was \$0. Any change in the estimated fair value of the embedded derivatives represents an unrealized gain which has been recorded as \$0 and \$0.4 million gain from the change in fair value of embedded derivatives in the consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, respectively.

The following table sets forth the inputs to the lattice model that were used to value the embedded derivatives:

	September 30, 2019		December 31, 2018
Stock price	\$ 3.35	\$	1.96
Conversion Rate per \$1,000	67.95		67.95
Conversion Price	\$ 14.72	\$	14.72
Maturity date	March 15, 2020		March 15, 2020
Risk-free interest rate	1.82%	D	2.57%
Estimated stock volatility	57%	)	150%
Estimated credit spread	28%	)	31%

Changes in certain inputs into the lattice model can have a significant impact on changes in the estimated fair value of the embedded featured within the 2020 Notes. For example, the estimated fair value will generally decrease with: (1) a decline in the stock price; (2) decreases in the estimated stock volatility; and (3) a decrease in the estimated credit spread.

# Derivative Warrant Liability

The following table sets forth information pertaining to shares issued upon the exercise of such warrants as of September 30, 2019:

	Issuance Date	Expiration Date	Exercise Price as of eptember 30, 2019	Shares Underlying Warrants on Issuance Date	Shares Issued upon Warrant Exercises as of September 30, 2019	Shares Underlying Warrants Outstanding as of September 30, 2019
Series A Warrants	02/03/2015	02/03/2020	\$ 3.80	5,542	5,222	320
Series C Warrants	05/19/2015	05/19/2020	\$ 53.43	1,075		1,075
Series D Warrants	12/11/2015	12/11/2020	\$ 40.00	25,125	25,078	47
Series F Warrants	04/01/2016	04/01/2021	\$ 40.00	25,733	11,692	14,041
Series I Warrants	09/13/2016	09/13/2021	\$ 220.00	35,650	—	35,650
Series K Warrants	02/17/2017	02/17/2022	\$ 3.80	312,516	308,660	3,856
				405,641	350,652	54,989

The agreements governing the above warrants include the following terms:

- certain warrants have exercise prices which are subject to adjustment for certain events, including the issuance of stock dividends on the Company's common stock and, in certain instances, the issuance of the Company's common stock or instruments convertible into the Company's common stock at a price per share less than the exercise price of the respective warrants;
- warrant holders may exercise the warrants through a cashless exercise if, and only if, the Company does not have an effective registration statement then available for the issuance of the shares of its common stock. If an effective registration statement is available for the issuance of its common stock a holder may only exercise the warrants through a cash exercise;
- the exercise price and the number and type of securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants are subject to adjustment upon certain corporate events, including certain combinations, consolidations, liquidations, mergers, recapitalizations, reclassifications, reorganizations, stock dividends and stock splits, a sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets and certain other events; and

in the event of an "extraordinary transaction" or a "fundamental transaction" (as such terms are defined in the respective warrant agreements), generally including any merger with or into another entity, sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets, tender offer or exchange offer, or reclassification of its common stock, in which the successor entity (as defined in the respective warrant agreements) that assumes the successor entity is not a publicly traded company, the Company or any successor entity will pay the warrant holder, at such holder's option, exercisable at any time concurrently with or within 30 days after the consummation of the extraordinary transaction or fundamental transaction, an amount of cash equal to the value of such holder's warrants as determined in accordance with the Black-Scholes option pricing model and the terms of the respective warrant agreement. In some circumstances, the Company or successor entity may be obligated to make such payments regardless of whether the successor entity that assumes the warrants is a publicly traded company.

There were no warrants exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2019.

### 8. Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

The following table sets forth the components of the Company's accounts payable and accrued liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets (in thousands):

	-	ember 30, 2019	ember 31, 2018
Accounts payable - trade	\$	1,481	\$ 1,944
Accrued legal-related fees		220	206
Accrued employee compensation		1,526	1,648
Accrued production fees		383	255
Accrued utilities and supplies payable		156	344
Accrued taxes payable		165	101
Current lease obligations		296	—
Other accrued liabilities		207	376
Total accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	4,434	\$ 4,874

# 9. Debt

### 2020 Notes

The following table sets forth information pertaining to the 2020 Notes which is included in the Company's consolidated balance sheets (in thousands):

	Α	rincipal mount 020 Notes	Debt Discount	]	Debt Issue Costs	1	Fotal 2020 Notes	Ε	)20 Notes mbedded erivative	ľ E	Fotal 2020 Notes and 2020 Notes Embedded Derivative
Balance - December 31, 2018	\$	13,775	\$ (979)	\$	(242)	\$	12,554	\$	394	\$	12,948
Amortization of debt discount			704				704				704
Amortization of debt issue costs					177		177				177
Paid-in-kind interest		208					208				208
Change in fair value of 2020 Notes											
embedded derivative			 						(394)		(394)
Balance - September 30, 2019	\$	13,983	\$ (275)	\$	(65)	\$	13,643	\$	_	\$	13,643

On April 19, 2017, the Company entered into an Exchange and Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") with WB Gevo, LTD, (the "Holder"), the holder of the 2017 Notes, and Whitebox Advisors LLC, in its capacity as representative of the Holder ("Whitebox"). Pursuant to the terms of the Purchase Agreement, the Holder agreed to exchange all of the outstanding principal amount of the 2017 Notes for an equal principal amount of the 2020 Notes, plus an amount in cash equal to the accrued and unpaid interest (other than interest paid in kind) on the 2017 Notes. On June 20, 2017, the Company cancelled the 2017 Notes.

The 2020 Notes will mature on March 15, 2020 and are secured by a first lien on substantially all of the Company's assets. The 2020 Notes bear interest at 12% per annum (with 2% potentially payable as PIK Interest (as defined and described below) at the Company's option), payable on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each year. Under certain circumstances, the Company has the option to pay a portion of the interest due on the 2020 Notes by either (a) increasing the principal amount of the 2020 Notes by the amount of interest then due or (b) issuing additional 2020 Notes with a principal amount equal to the amount of interest then due (interest paid in the manner set forth in (a) or (b) being referred to as "PIK Interest"). In the event the Company pays any portion of the interest due on the 2020 Notes as PIK Interest, the maximum aggregate principal amount of 2020 Notes that could be convertible into shares of the Company's common stock will be increased. Additional shares of the Company's common stock may also become issuable pursuant to the 2020 Notes in the event the Company is required to make certain make-whole payments as provided in the 2020 Notes Indenture.

The 2020 Notes are convertible into shares of the Company's common stock, subject to certain terms and conditions. The initial conversion price of the 2020 Notes is \$14.72 per share of common stock, or 0.0679 shares of common stock per \$1 principal amount of 2020 Notes (the "Conversion Price").

Each Holder has agreed not to convert its 2020 Notes into shares of the Company's common stock to the extent that, after giving effect to such conversion, the number of shares of common stock beneficially owned by such Holder and its affiliates would exceed 4.99% of the Company's common stock outstanding at the time of such conversion (the "4.99% Ownership Limitation"); provided that a Holder may, at its option and upon sixty-one (61) days' prior notice to the Company, increase such threshold to 9.99% (the "9.99% Ownership Limitation"). If a conversion of 2020 Notes by Whitebox would exceed the 4.99% Ownership Limitation, as applicable, the Purchase Agreement contains a provision granting the holder a fully funded prepaid warrant for such common stock with a term of nine months, subject to a six month extension, which it can draw down from time to time.

The 2020 Notes do not contain any anti-dilution adjustments for future equity issuances that are below the Conversion Price, and adjustments to the Conversion Price will only generally be made in the event that there is a dividend or distribution paid on shares of the Company's common stock, a subdivision, combination or reclassification of the Company's common stock, or at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Company in limited circumstances and subject to certain conditions.

Under certain circumstances, the Company may file one or more registration statements on Form S-3 or amend filings in order to register shares of common stock for sale or resale, as necessary, in connection with the 2020 Notes.

### **10. Equity Incentive Plans**

2010 Stock Incentive Plan. In February 2011, the Company's stockholders approved the Gevo, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan (as amended and restated, the "2010 Plan"). The 2010 Plan provides for the grant of non-qualified stock options, incentive stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units and other equity awards to employees and directors of the Company. On June 10, 2019, the 2010 Plan was amended and restated, which increased the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance to 3,266,661 shares. In July 2019, the Company issued 254,500 shares of common stock in relation to restricted stock awards granted on August 9, 2018. In July 2019, the Company also issued 1,283,032 shares of common stock in relation to restricted stock awards granted on June 24, 2019 and 25,581 shares of common stock in relation to restricted stock awards granted on August 8, 2019, in each case vesting over two years, to its employees and directors. In August 2019, the Company withheld 79,790 shares of common stock to settle income taxes related to the vested restricted stock awards for certain employees. At September 30, 2019, an additional 1,804,891 shares were available for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding stock option awards or the grant of stock appreciation rights and restricted stock awards under the 2010 Plan.

*Employee Stock Purchase Plan.* In February 2011, the Company's stockholders approved the Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"). The offering periods for the ESPP are from January 1 to June 30 and from July 1 to December 31 of each calendar year. The Company has reserved 190 shares of common stock for issuance under the ESPP, of which 190 shares as of September 30, 2019 are available for future issuance. The purchase price of the common stock under the ESPP is 85% of the lower of the fair market value of a share of common stock on the first or last day of the purchase period. There were no purchases of common stock under the ESPP during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019.

#### 11. Stock-Based Compensation

The Company records stock-based compensation expense during the requisite service period for share-based payment awards granted to employees and non-employees.

The following table sets forth the Company's stock-based compensation expense (reversal) for the periods indicated (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,			 Nine Mon Septen	 	
		2019		2018	2019	2018
Stock options and employee stock purchase plan awards	_					
Research and development	\$	—	\$	3	\$ 	\$ 21
Selling, general and administrative		—		7	—	48
Restricted stock						
Research and development		68		23	129	57
Selling, general and administrative		236		136	581	194
Stock appreciation rights						
Research and development		132		—	114	_
Selling, general and administrative		132		112	 114	 198
Total stock-based compensation	\$	568	\$	281	\$ 938	\$ 518

Determining the Fair Value of Share-Based Payment Awards

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model for determining the fair value for stock options granted. There were no stock options granted during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018.

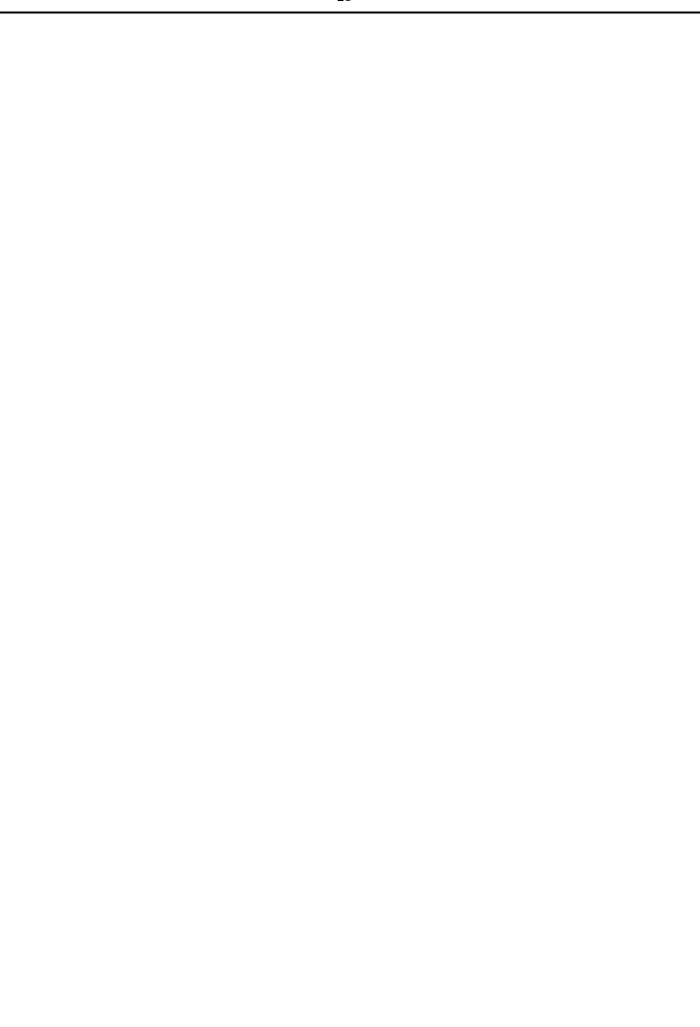
An annual forfeiture rate is estimated at the time of grant for all stock-based payment awards, and revised if necessary, in subsequent periods if the actual forfeiture rate differs from the Company's estimate. Forfeitures have been estimated by the Company based on historical and expected forfeiture experience. Estimated forfeiture rates used for the periods presented were from 0% to 5%.

Stock Option Activity

Stock option activity during the nine months ended September 30, 2019 was as follows:

	Number of Options
Options outstanding at December 31, 2018	2,313
Granted	—
Canceled or forfeited	(749)
Exercised	—
Options outstanding at September 30, 2019	1,564
Weighted-average remaining contractual life (in years)	5.7

As of September 30, 2019, the Company had no unrecognized share-based compensation related to unvested stock option.



# **Restricted Stock**

The Company grants service-condition restricted stock awards ("RSAs"). RSA activity during the nine months ended September 30, 2019 was as follows:

		Weighted -A Gran	0
	Shares	Date Fair	Value
Unvested RSAs at December 31, 2018	290,300	\$	3.45
Granted	1,308,613	\$	1.91
Vested	(254,500)	\$	3.45
Canceled or forfeited	(35,800)	\$	3.45
Unvested RSAs at September 30, 2019	1,308,613	\$	1.91

As of September 30, 2019, unrecognized share-based compensation for RSAs was \$2.2 million, which is expected to amortize over a remaining average period of 1.74 years. The value of RSAs vested during the nine months ended September 30, 2019 totaled \$0.9 million.

### 12. Commitments and Contingencies

*Legal Matters.* From time to time, the Company has been, and may again become, involved in legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of its business. The Company is not presently a party to any litigation that it believes to be material and is not aware of any pending or threatened litigation against the Company that it believes could have a material adverse effect on its business, operating results, financial condition or cash flows.

*Leases.* Upon adoption of ASU 2016-02, the Company identified three lease agreements that qualify as "operating" based on the terms and conditions at the commencement date for each lease. These include the lease for the Company's office and research facility in Englewood, Colorado, with a term expiring in July 2021 a lease of plant equipment with a term expiring in January 2021 used by Agri-Energy at the Luverne Facility and a lease of transportation equipment with a term expiring in June 2020 used by Agri-Energy at the Luverne Facility.

All other leases qualified for the short-term scope exemption. These consist of corporate apartments in Colorado, which have initial lease terms of less than twelve months, and additional leases of transportation equipment located at both the Luverne Facility and the South Hampton Facility with original lease terms of less than twelve months.

Rent expense for the three months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018 was \$0.4 million in both periods, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018 was \$1.2 million and \$1.3 million, respectively.

The table below shows the future minimum payments under non-cancelable short-term and operating leases and at September 30, 2019 (in thousands):

	ort-Term Leases	_	Operating Leases
2019 (remaining)	\$ 163	\$	105
2020	242		425
2021	3		215
2022 and thereafter	—		—
Total	\$ 408	\$	745

The Company entered into a five-year software licensing agreement on April 2, 2018. Future contractual payment obligations total approximately \$0.3 million as of September 30, 2019. This licensing agreement is accounted for as an intangible asset and is out of the scope of ASU 2016-02, *Leases*.

*Indemnifications*. In the ordinary course of its business, the Company makes certain indemnities under which it may be required to make payments in relation to certain transactions. As of September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, the Company did not have any liabilities associated with indemnities.

The Company, as permitted under Delaware law and in accordance with its amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, indemnifies its officers and directors for certain events or occurrences, subject to certain limits, while the officer or director is or was serving at the Company's request in such capacity. The duration of these indemnifications, commitments and guarantees varies and, in certain cases, is indefinite. The maximum amount of potential future indemnification is unlimited; however, the Company has a director and officer insurance policy that may enable it to recover a portion of any future amounts paid. The Company accrues for losses for any known contingent liability, including those that may arise from indemnification provisions, when future payment is probable. No such losses have been recorded to date.

*Environmental Liabilities*. The Company's operations are subject to environmental laws and regulations adopted by various governmental authorities in the jurisdictions in which it operates. These laws require the Company to investigate and remediate the effects of the release or disposal of materials at its locations. Accordingly, the Company has adopted policies, practices and procedures in the areas of pollution control, occupational health and the production, handling, storage and use of hazardous materials to prevent material environmental or other damage, and to limit the financial liability which could result from such events. Environmental liabilities are recorded when the Company's liability is probable, and the costs can be reasonably estimated. No environmental liabilities have been recorded as of September 30, 2019 or December 31, 2018.



# **13. Fair Value Measurements**

Accounting standards define fair value, outline a framework for measuring fair value and detail the required disclosures about fair value measurements. Under these standards, fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or most advantageous market. Standards establish a hierarchy in determining the fair market value of an asset or liability. The fair value hierarchy has three levels of inputs, both observable and unobservable. Standards require the utilization of the highest possible level of input to determine fair value.

Level 1 – inputs include quoted market prices in an active market for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – inputs are market data, other than Level 1, that are observable either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include quoted market prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted market prices in an inactive market and other observable information that can be corroborated by market data.

Level 3 – inputs are unobservable and corroborated by little or no market data.

These tables present the carrying value and fair value, by fair value hierarchy, of our financial instruments, excluding cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable at September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively (in thousands):

				/alue Mea d Prices	surements at Se (In thousands)	-	30, 2019
	Septer	Value at nber 30, 019	Ac Mark Idei As	in ctive cets for ntical sets vel 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Unob Input	ificant servable s (Level 3)
Recurring:	¢	21				¢	21
Derivative warrant liability Total Recurring Fair Value Measurements	\$\$	21	\$		\$ -	- \$	21 21
			<u> </u>		ф		
Nonrecurring							
Corn and finished goods inventory	\$	714	\$	64	\$ 650	) \$	
Total Non-Recurring Fair Value Measurements	\$	714	\$	64	\$ 650	) \$	
			Fair V	/alue Mea	surements at D	ecember 3	81, 2018
					(In thousands		, _ 0 10
			Quote	d Prices		-	
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				tive	Significant		
	Decen	Value at nber 31,	Ider As	tets for ntical sets	Other Observable Inputs	Unob Input	ificant servable s (Level
			(Ley	vel 1)	(Level 2)		3)
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<b>Recurring:</b>					<u> </u>	- \$	22
Derivative warrant liability	\$	22	\$		\$	- \$ -	22 394
					\$ \$	- \$ - - <u>\$</u>	22 394 416
Derivative warrant liability 2020 embedded derivative liability	\$	22 394	\$				394
Derivative warrant liability 2020 embedded derivative liability Total Recurring Fair Value Measurements Nonrecurring	\$	22 394	\$		<u> </u>	- <u>\$</u>	394
Derivative warrant liability 2020 embedded derivative liability Total Recurring Fair Value Measurements	\$	22 394	\$			- <u>\$</u> - <u>\$</u> - <u>\$</u>	394

The following table provides changes to those fair value measurements using Level 3 inputs for the nine months ended September 30, 2019:

	Fair Valu		nents Using able Input	g Significant s
	Derivative V Liabili			es Embedded rivative
Opening Balance	\$	22	\$	394
Total (gains) or losses for the period included in earnings		(1)		(394)
Purchases				
Closing balance	\$	21	\$	

There were no transfers in or out of Level 3 inputs. There were no issuances, purchases, sales or settlements of Level 3 inputs during the nine months ended September 30, 2019.

*Inventories.* The Company records its corn inventory at fair value only when the Company's cost of corn purchased exceeds the market value for corn. The Company determines the market value of corn and dry distiller's grain based upon Level 1 inputs using quoted market prices. The Company records its ethanol, isobutanol and hydrocarbon inventory at market using Level 2 inputs.

2020 *Notes Embedded Derivative*. The Company had estimated the fair value of the embedded derivative on a stand-alone basis to be nil at September 30, 2019 and \$0.4 million at December 31, 2018 based upon Level 3 inputs. Changes in the fair value of the embedded derivative is recognized each reporting period as a *"Change in fair value of 2020 Notes embedded derivative"* in the consolidated statements of operations and statements of cash flows. See Note 7, Embedded Derivatives and Derivative Warrant Liabilities, for the fair value inputs used to estimate the fair value of the embedded derivative.

*Derivative Warrant Liability.* The Company valued the Series F Warrants and Series K Warrants using a Monte-Carlo model (Level 3) and other warrants using Black-Scholes models comprised of some inputs requiring the use of Monte-Carlo models (Level 3). The Company has estimated the fair value of the derivative warrant liability to be \$0.02 million as of September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018.

Certain of the Company's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and 2020 Notes for which the carrying value on the Company's consolidated balance sheets approximates their fair values due to the short maturities.

While the Company believes that its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, it recognizes that the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

# 14. Segments

The Company has determined that it has two operating segments: (i) Gevo segment; and (ii) Gevo Development/Agri-Energy segment. The Company organizes its business segments based on the nature of the products and services offered through each of its consolidated legal entities. Transactions between segments are eliminated in consolidation.

*Gevo Segment*. The Gevo segment is responsible for all research and development activities related to the future production of isobutanol, including the development of our proprietary biocatalysts, the production and sale of bio jet fuel, the Company's retrofit process and the next generation of chemicals and biofuels that will be based on the Company's isobutanol technology. The Gevo segment also develops, maintains and protects its intellectual property portfolio, develops future markets for its isobutanol and provides corporate oversight services.



*Gevo Development/Agri-Energy Segment*. The Gevo Development/Agri-Energy segment is currently responsible for the operation of the Luverne Facility and the production of ethanol, isobutanol and related products.

The Company's chief operating decision maker is provided with and reviews the financial results of each of the Company's consolidated legal entities, Gevo, Inc., Gevo Development, LLC and Agri-Energy, LLC. The Company organizes its business segments based on the nature of the products and services offered through each of its consolidated legal entities. All revenue is earned, and all assets are held, in the U.S.

	Th	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Endo 30,		-	
		2019		2018		2019	2018
Revenues:							
Gevo	\$	550	\$	504	\$	1,381	\$ 1,136
Gevo Development / Agri-Energy		5,560		8,071		16,218	 25,102
Consolidated	\$	6,110	\$	8,575	\$	17,599	\$ 26,238
Loss from operations:							
Gevo	\$	(3,830)	\$	(3,375)	\$	(9,463)	\$ (8,166)
Gevo Development / Agri-Energy		(4,173)		(2,733)		(10,661)	(7,320)
Consolidated	\$	(8,003)	\$	(6,108)	\$	(20,124)	\$ (15,486)
Interest expense:							
Gevo	\$	605	\$	767	\$	2,127	\$ 2,496
Gevo Development / Agri-Energy							 
Consolidated	\$	605	\$	767	\$	2,127	\$ 2,496
Depreciation and amortization expense:							
Gevo	\$	50	\$	54	\$	152	\$ 214
Gevo Development / Agri-Energy		1,578		1,564		4,697	 4,689
Consolidated	<u>\$</u>	1,628	\$	1,618	\$	4,849	\$ 4,903
Acquisitions of plant, property and equipment:							
Gevo	\$		\$	14	\$	62	\$ 16
Gevo Development / Agri-Energy		781		1,207		4,862	 1,328
Consolidated	<u>\$</u>	781	\$	1,221	\$	4,924	\$ 1,344
Revenue by geographic area:							
United States	\$	5,560	\$	8,071	\$	16,218	\$ 25,127
Other		550		504		1,381	1,111
Consolidated	\$	6,110	\$	8,575	\$	17,599	\$ 26,238

	Sep	tember 30, 2019	E	December 31, 2018
Total assets:				
Gevo	\$	94,955	\$	105,379
Gevo Development / Agri-Energy		143,255		140,982
Intercompany eliminations		(142,742)		(139,326)
Consolidated	\$	95,468	\$	107,035



#### Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this "Report") contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). When used anywhere in this Report, the words "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "estimate," "intend," "plan" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements relate to future events or our future financial or operational performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are based on assumptions and subject to risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements include, among other things, statements about: risks and uncertainties related to our ability to sell our products, our ability to expand or continue production of ethanol and isobutanol at our production facility in Luverne, Minnesota (the "Luverne Facility"), our ability to meet our production, financial and operational guidance, our strategy to pursue low-carbon ethanol for sale into California, our ability to replace our fossil-based energy sources with renewable energy sources at the Luverne Facility, our ability and plans to construct a commercial hydrocarbon facility to produce alcohol-to-jet fuel ("ATJ"), our ability to raise additional funds to continue operations and/or expand the Luverne Facility, our ability to produce ethanol and isobutanol on a commercial level and at a profit, achievement of advances in our technology platform, the success of our retrofit production model, the availability of suitable and cost-competitive feedstocks, our ability to gain market acceptance for our products, the expected cost-competitiveness and relative performance attributes of our ethanol and isobutanol and the products derived from isobutanol, additional competition and changes in economic conditions and the future price and volatility of petroleum and products derived from petroleum. Important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated or implied by forward-looking statements such as those contained in documents, we have filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), included in Item 7. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 (our "Annual Report"), and subsequent reports on Form 10-Q in Item 2, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations". All forward-looking statements in this Report are qualified entirely by the cautionary statements included in this Report and such other filings. These risks and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from results expressed or implied by forward-looking statements contained in this Report. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Report. We undertake no intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, and readers should not rely on the forward-looking statements as representing the Company's views as of any date subsequent to the date of the filing of this Report.

Unless the context requires otherwise, in this Report the terms "we," "us," "our" and the "Company" refer to Gevo, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our unaudited consolidated financial statements and the related notes and other financial information appearing elsewhere in this Report. Readers are also urged to carefully review and consider the various disclosures made by us which attempt to advise interested parties of the factors which affect our business, including, without limitation, the disclosures in our Annual Report.

#### **Company Overview**

We are commercializing the next generation of gasoline, jet fuel and diesel fuel with the potential to achieve zero carbon emissions, addressing the market need of reducing greenhouse gas emissions with sustainable alternatives. We use low-carbon renewable resource based carbohydrates as raw materials, and are developing renewable electricity and renewable natural gas for the energy of production processes resulting in low-carbon fuels with reduced carbon intensity (the level of greenhouse gas emissions compared to standard petroleum) fossil-based fuels across their lifecycle. Our products deliver the technical performance expected of traditional fossil-based fuels in infrastructure and engines, but significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In addition to addressing the problems of fuels, our technology also enables certain plastics, such as polyester, to be made with more sustainable ingredients. Our ability to penetrate the growing low-carbon fuels market depends on the price of oil and the value of abating carbon emissions, that would otherwise increase greenhouse gas emissions. We believe that because of our ability to use a variety of low-carbon, sustainably produced feedstocks and our proven technology resulting in the economical production of the main components of gasoline, jet fuel, and diesel fuel using a very low carbon footprint, we have the potential to generate returns that justify the build-out of a multi-billion dollar business.

We believe that the fossil-based carbon emissions caused by using fossil-based liquid fuels will continue to come under increased regulation intent on reducing emissions. California's Low Carbon Fuel Standard Program (the "LCFS), the European Union's Renewable Energy Directive and other similar policies are causing the value of reducing fossil-based greenhouse gas emissions to become clearer and to be more attractive of a component of value to financiers.

To achieve the goal of becoming a multi-billion dollar business, we need to establish the low-carbon infrastructure for the Luverne Facility, secure additional take-or-pay offtake agreements that enable lower cost project financing, then build out large capacity for jet fuel, isooctane and diesel fuel and other productions sites around the world.



# Financial Condition

For the nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, we incurred a consolidated net loss of \$21.8 million and \$20.9 million, respectively, and had an accumulated deficit of \$451.2 million at September 30, 2019. Our cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2019 totaled \$20.9 million which is primarily being used for the following: (i) operating activities of our Luverne Facility; (ii) operating activities at our corporate headquarters in Colorado, including research, engineering and development work; (iii) engineering, development and capital expenditures primarily associated with the Luverne Facility, including engineering, development and capital expenditures to "de-carbonize" the Luverne Facility; (iv) exploration of strategic alternatives and new financings; and (v) debt service and repayment obligations. We are actively working on refinancing our 2020 Notes (as defined below) that mature on March 15, 2020.

The continued operation of our business is dependent upon raising additional capital through future public and private equity offerings, debt financings or through other alternative financing arrangements. In addition, successful completion of our research and development programs and the attainment of profitable operations are dependent upon future events, including our ability to raise sufficient capital to expand our commercial production facility, completion of our development activities resulting in sales of isobutanol or isobutanol-derived products and/or technology, achieving market acceptance and demand for our products and services and attracting and retaining qualified personnel.

We expect to incur future net losses as we continue to fund the development and commercialization of our products and product candidates. We have primarily relied on raising capital to fund our operations and debt service obligations by issuing common stock and warrants in underwritten public offerings. Those issuances have caused significant dilution to our existing stockholders. While we have sought, and will continue to seek, other, less dilutive forms of financing to fund our operations and debt service obligations, there is no assurance that we will be successful in doing so.

Our transition to profitability is dependent upon, among other things, the successful development and commercialization of our products and product candidates, the achievement of a level of revenues adequate to support our cost structure and securing sufficient financing for the build-out and Retrofit of the Luverne Facility or a facility at another suitable location. We may never achieve profitability or generate positive cash flows, and unless and until we do, we will continue to need to raise additional cash. We intend to fund future operations through additional private and/or public offerings of debt or equity securities. In addition, we may seek additional capital through arrangements with strategic partners or from other sources, may seek to restructure our debt and we will continue to address our cost structure. Notwithstanding, there can be no assurance that we will be able to raise additional funds or achieve or sustain profitability or positive cash flows from operations.

# **Results of Operations**

## Comparison of the Three Months Ended September 30, 2019 and 2018

	Tł	nree Months End	led Sej	otember 30,	
(in thousands)		2019		2018	Change
Revenue and cost of goods sold			-		
Ethanol sales and related products, net	\$	5,554	\$	8,071	\$ (2,517)
Hydrocarbon revenue		550		504	46
Grant and other revenue		6		—	6
Total revenues		6,110		8,575	(2,465)
Cost of goods sold		9,893		10,628	 (735)
Gross loss		(3,783)		(2,053)	 (1,730)
Operating expenses					
Research and development expense		1,789		1,865	(76)
Selling, general and administrative expense		2,431		2,190	241
Total operating expenses		4,220		4,055	 165
Loss from operations		(8,003)		(6,108)	 (1,895)
Other (expense) income					
Interest expense		(605)		(767)	162
Gain (loss) from change in fair value of derivative warrant liability		(2)		5	(7)
Gain (loss) from change in fair value of 2020 Notes embedded derivative		—		(7)	7
Other income (expense)		(9)		(3)	 (6)
Total other expense, net		(616)		(772)	 156
Net loss	\$	(8,619)	\$	(6,880)	\$ (1,739)

*Revenue.* Revenue from the sale of ethanol, isobutanol and related products for the three months ended September 30, 2019 was \$5.6 million, a decrease of \$2.5 million from the three months ended September 30, 2018. As a result of an unfavorable commodity environment during the three months ended September 30, 2019 compared with the same period ended September 30, 2018, we reduced our production of ethanol and distiller grains which resulted in lower sales for the period. During the three months ended September 30, 2019, we sold 3.4 million gallons of ethanol compared to 5.1 million gallons of ethanol sold in the three months ended September 30, 2018.

Hydrocarbon revenues are comprised of ATJ, isooctane and isooctene sales. Hydrocarbon sales increased because of higher production volumes at the South Hampton Facility. During the three months ended September 30, 2018, we reduced production at the South Hampton Facility to upgrade the facility and double the production capacity.

*Cost of goods sold.* Cost of goods sold was \$9.9 million during the three months ended September 30, 2019 compared with \$10.6 million during the three months ended September 30, 2018. The decrease of approximately \$0.7 million was primarily the result of decreased production at the Luverne Facility for the three months ended September 30, 2019 compared to September 30, 2018. Production was decreased due to an unfavorable commodity environment, largely the result of greater corn costs as compared to national markets than the region has historically experienced. Cost of goods sold included approximately \$8.3 million associated with the production of ethanol and related products and approximately \$1.6 million in depreciation expense during the three months ended September 30, 2019.

*Research and development expense*. Research and development expense decreased by \$0.1 million during the three months ended September 30, 2019 compared with the three months ended September 30, 2018, due primarily to a decrease in costs associated with the South Hampton Facility offset by an increase in personnel and consulting expenses.

*Selling, general and administrative expense.* Selling, general and administrative expense increased by approximately \$0.2 million during the three months ended September 30, 2019 compared with the three months ended September 30, 2018, due primarily to an increase in personnel, consulting and investor relations costs, partially offset by a decrease in professional fees.

*Interest expense.* Interest expense during the three months ended September 30, 2019 was \$0.6 million, a decrease of \$0.2 million compared to the three months ended September 30, 2018, due to a decrease in the outstanding principal amount of the 12% convertible senior secured notes due 2020 (the "2020 Notes") as of September 30, 2019 from the exchange of approximately \$3.2 million of our 2020 Notes for our common stock during 2018.

*Gain (loss) from change in fair value of derivative warrant liability.* During the three months ended September 30, 2019, the fair value of the derivative warrant liability decreased \$0.01 million compared to the three months ended September 30, 2018, primarily due to the decrease in the number of warrants outstanding and a decrease in the amount of time until the expiration of the outstanding warrants.

Comparison of the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2019 and 2018

	Nin	e Months End	ed Septembe	r 30,		
(in thousands)		2019	201	8	Cha	nge
Revenue and cost of goods sold						
Ethanol sales and related products, net	\$	16,184	\$	25,102	\$	(8,918)
Hydrocarbon revenue		1,381		1,111		270
Grant and other revenue		34		25		9
Total revenues		17,599		26,238		(8,639)
Cost of goods sold		27,306		31,904		(4,598)
Gross loss		(9,707)		(5,666)		(4,041)
Operating expenses						
Research and development expense		3,712		4,123		(411)
Selling, general and administrative expense		6,705		5,697		1,008
Total operating expenses		10,417		9,820		597
Loss from operations		(20,124)		(15,486)		(4,638)
Other (expense) income						
Interest expense		(2,127)		(2,496)		369
(Loss) on exchange or conversion of debt				(2,202)		2,202
Gain (loss) from change in fair value of derivative warrant liability		1		(3,035)		3,036
Gain from change in fair value of 2020 Notes embedded derivative		394		2,340		(1,946)
Other income		11		5		6
Total other expense, net		(1,721)		(5,388)		3,667
Net loss	\$	(21,845)	\$	(20,874)	\$	(971)

*Revenue*. Revenue from the sale of ethanol, isobutanol and related products for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 was \$16.2 million, a decrease of \$8.9 million from the nine months ended September 30, 2018. As a result of an unfavorable commodity environment during the nine months ended September 30, 2019 compared with the same period ended September 30, 2018, we reduced our production of ethanol and distiller grains which resulted in decreased sales. During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, we sold 10.2 million gallons of ethanol compared to 14.9 million gallons of ethanol sold in the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

Hydrocarbon revenues are comprised of ATJ, isooctane and isooctene sales. Hydrocarbon sales increased by \$0.3 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2019 as a result of greater shipments of finished products from our South Hampton Facility.

*Cost of goods sold.* Cost of goods sold was \$27.3 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2019 compared with \$31.9 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2018. The decrease of approximately \$4.6 million was primarily the result of decreased production for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 compared to September 30, 2018. Production was decreased due to an unfavorable commodity environment, largely the result of greater corn costs as compared to national markets than the region has historically experienced. Cost of goods sold included approximately \$22.6 million associated with the production of ethanol and related products and approximately \$4.7 million in depreciation expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2019.

*Research and development expense*. Research and development expense decreased by approximately \$0.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2019 compared with the nine months ended September 30, 2018, due primarily to a decrease in costs associated with our South Hampton Facility, offset by an increase in personnel expenses.

*Selling, general and administrative expense.* Selling, general and administrative expense increased by approximately \$1.0 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2019 compared with the nine months ended September 30, 2018, due primarily to an increase of personnel, consulting, travel, legal and investor relations costs, partially offset by a decrease in professional fees.

*Interest expense*. Interest expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2019 was \$2.1 million, a decrease of \$0.4 million compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2018, due to a decrease in the outstanding principal amount of the 2020 Notes as of September 30, 2019 from the exchange of approximately \$3.2 million of our 2020 Notes for our common stock during 2018.

*Gain (loss) from change in fair value of derivative warrant liability.* During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, the fair value of the derivative warrant liability decreased \$3.0 million compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2018, primarily due to the decrease in the number of warrants outstanding and a decrease in the amount of time until the expiration of the outstanding warrants.

*Gain from change in fair value of the 2020 Notes embedded derivative.* During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, the estimated fair value of the 2020 Notes embedded derivative liability decreased to \$0, resulting in a decrease in the non-cash gain of \$1.9 million compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2018. The decrease in derivative liability was primarily due to the decrease in the price of our common stock since the June 20, 2017 issuance date and the decrease in estimated stock volatility for the remaining period the 2020 Notes are due.

# **Revenue, Cost of Goods Sold and Operating Expenses**

# Revenue

During the nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, we generated revenue from: (i) the sale of ethanol, isobutanol and related products; (ii) hydrocarbon sales, consisting primarily of the sale of ATJ fuel, isooctane and isooctene derived from our isobutanol for purposes of certification and testing; and (iii) government grants and research and development programs.

# Cost of Goods Sold and Gross Loss

Cost of goods sold during the nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018 primarily includes costs directly associated with isobutanol production and ethanol production at the Luverne Facility, such as costs for direct materials, direct labor, depreciation, other operating costs and certain plant overhead costs. Direct materials include corn feedstock, denaturant and process chemicals. Direct labor includes compensation of personnel directly involved in production operations at the Luverne Facility. Other operating costs include utilities and natural gas usage.

Our gross loss is defined as our total revenue less our cost of goods sold.

# **Research and Development**

Our research and development costs consist of expenses incurred to identify, develop and test our technologies to produce isobutanol and the development of downstream applications thereof. Research and development expenses include personnel costs (including stock-based compensation), consultants and related contract research, facility costs, supplies, depreciation and amortization expense on property, plant and equipment used in product development, license fees paid to third parties for use of their intellectual property and patent rights and other overhead expenses incurred to support our research and development expenses also include upfront fees and milestone payments made under licensing agreements and payments for sponsored research and university research gifts to support research at academic institutions.

# Selling, General and Administrative

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist of personnel costs (including stock-based compensation), consulting and service provider expenses (including patent counsel-related costs), legal fees, marketing costs, corporate insurance costs, occupancy-related costs, depreciation and amortization expenses on property, plant and equipment not used in our product development programs or recorded in cost of goods sold, travel and relocation and hiring expenses.

We also record selling, general and administrative expenses for the operations of the Luverne Facility that include administrative and oversight expenses, certain personnel-related expenses, insurance and other operating expenses.

# Liquidity and Capital Resources

Since our inception in 2005, we have devoted most of our cash resources to manufacturing ethanol, isobutanol and related products, research and development and selling, general and administrative activities related to the commercialization of ethanol, isobutanol, as well as related products from renewable feedstocks. We have incurred losses since inception and expect to incur losses through at least 2020. We have financed our operations primarily with proceeds from multiple sales of equity and debt securities, borrowings under debt facilities and product sales.

The continued operation of our business, including any expansion of the Luverne Facility, is dependent upon raising additional capital through future public and private equity offerings, debt financings or through other alternative financing arrangements. In addition, successful completion of our research and development programs and the attainment of profitable operations are dependent upon future events, including access to sufficient capital, repayment of our current debt, completion of our development activities resulting in sales of isobutanol or isobutanol-derived products and/or technology, achieving market acceptance and demand for our products and services and attracting and retaining qualified personnel. Such additional capital may not be available to us on acceptable terms or at all.

As of September 30, 2019, we had an accumulated deficit of \$451.2 million with cash and cash equivalents totaling \$20.9 million. The 2020 Notes mature on March 15, 2020. See discussion below in "2020 Notes".

The following table sets forth the major sources and uses of cash for each of the periods set forth below (in thousands):

	Ni	ne Months Ended S	eptember 30,
		2019	2018
Net cash used in operating activities	\$	(14,798) \$	(10,154)
Net cash used in investing activities	\$	(7,260) \$	(933)
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$	9,268 \$	37,850

# **Operating Activities**

Our primary uses of cash from operating activities are personnel-related expenses, research and development expenses, which include costs incurred under development agreements; costs and expenses for the production of isobutanol, ethanol and related products, logistics costs, costs associated with further processing of isobutanol and costs associated with the operation of the South Hampton Facility and debt service payments.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, we used \$14.8 million in cash from operating activities primarily resulting from a net loss of \$21.8 million, a \$0.5 million increase in working capital items and approximately \$6.5 million in non-cash operating activities.

#### **Investing Activities**

During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, we used \$7.3 million in cash from investing activities related to an investment of \$1.5 million in Juhl and \$5.8 primarily for capital expenditures at our Luverne Facility.

We are installing equipment to fractionate corn and to dry distiller's grains at the Luverne Facility totaling approximately \$3.0 million as of September 30, 2019. The fractionation machine is expected to be operational in the first quarter of 2020.

#### **Financing Activities**

During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, we raised approximately \$9.3 million associated with financing activities, which consisted of \$9.4 million of net proceeds from sales under our "at-the-market" offering program discussed below offset by \$0.2 million net settlement of common stock under stock plans.

*At-the-Market Offering Program.* In February 2018, we commenced an at-the-market offering program, which allows us to sell and issue shares of our common stock from time-to-time. The at-the-market offering program was amended multiple times during 2018 to increase the available capacity under the at-the-market offering program by an aggregate of approximately \$84.9 million. In August 2019, the at-the-market offering program was amended to increase the available capacity under the at-the-market offering program by \$10.7 million. During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, we issued 3,244,941 shares of common stock under the at-the-market offering program for gross proceeds of \$9.9 million. We paid commissions and incurred other offering related expenses totaling \$0.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2019. There were no shares issued during the three months ended September 30, 2019. As of September 30, 2019, we had capacity to issue up to \$10.7 million of common stock under the at-the-market offering program.

From October 1, 2019 to November 11, 2019, the Company issued 322,899 shares of common stock under the at-the-market offering program for gross proceeds of \$0.9 million, net of \$0.03 million of commissions and offering related expenses.

#### 2020 Notes

On April 19, 2017, we entered into an Exchange and Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") with WB Gevo, LTD (such holder, the "Holder"), and Whitebox Advisors LLC, in its capacity as representative of the Holder ("Whitebox"), the holder of our 12.0% convertible senior secured notes due 2017, which were cancelled in connection with the issuance of the 2020 Notes. Pursuant to the terms of the Purchase Agreement, the Holder, subject to certain conditions, including approval of the transaction by our stockholders (which was received on June 15, 2017), agreed to exchange all of the outstanding principal amount of the 2017 Notes for an equal principal amount of our newly created 2020 Notes, plus an amount in cash equal to the accrued and unpaid interest (other than interest paid in kind) on the 2017 Notes (the "Exchange"). On June 20, 2017, we cancelled the 2017 Notes. As of September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, the outstanding principal on the 2020 Notes, including PIK Interest (as defined and described below), was \$13.9 million and \$13.8 million, respectively.

The 2020 Notes will mature on March 15, 2020. The 2020 Notes bear interest at 12% per annum (with 2% potentially payable as PIK Interest at our option), payable on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of each year. Under certain circumstances, we have the option to pay a portion of the interest due on the 2020 Notes by either (a) increasing the principal amount of the 2020 Notes by the amount of interest then due or (b) issuing additional 2020 Notes with a principal amount equal to the amount of interest then due (interest paid in the manner set forth in (a) or (b) being referred to as "PIK Interest").

The 2020 Notes are convertible into shares of our common stock, subject to certain terms and conditions. The initial conversion price of the 2020 Notes is \$14.72 per share of common stock, or 0.0679 shares of common stock per \$1 principal amount of 2020 Notes.

See Note 9, Debt, to our consolidated financial statements included herein for further discussion of the 2020 Notes.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Except for the adoption of ASC 842 "*Leases*" (see Note 4) there have been no significant changes to our critical accounting policies since December 31, 2018. See Note 1, *Nature of Business, Financial Condition and Basis of Presentation,* to our consolidated financial statements included herein for a discussion of recently issued accounting pronouncements and their impact or future potential impact on our financial results, if determinable. For a description of critical accounting policies that affect our significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements, refer to our 2018 Annual Report.



#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

As of September 30, 2019, we did not have any material off-balance sheet arrangements, except for operating lease obligations disclosed in Note 4, *Leases, Right-to-Use Assets and Related Liabilities,* and Note 12, *Commitments and Contingencies.* 

#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Not Required.

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act), that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

We conducted an evaluation (pursuant to Rule 13a-15(b)), under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2019. In designing and evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that disclosure controls and procedures, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable but not absolute assurance that the objectives of the disclosure controls and procedures are met. The design of any disclosure control and procedure also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions.

# **Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2019 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

# PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

# Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

From time to time, we have been and may again become involved in legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of our business. We are not presently a party to any litigation that we believe to be material and we are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation against us that we believe could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition or cash flows.

# Item 1A. Risk Factors.

You should carefully consider the risk factors discussed in Part I, Item 1A. "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report, which could materially affect our business, financial condition, cash flows or future results. There have been no material changes in our risk factors included in our Annual Report. The risk factors in our Annual Report are not the only risks facing our company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or future results.

# Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
July 1, 2019 - July 31, 2019	_	\$ —		
August 1, 2019 - August 31, 2019	79,790	\$ 2.46	79,790	
September 1, 2019 - September 30, 2019		\$		
Total	79,790	\$ 2.46	79,790	

(1) We permit "withhold to cover" as a tax payment method for vesting of restricted stock awards issued under our Amended and Restated 2010 Stock Incentive Plan for our employees, pursuant to which, we withheld from employees the shares noted in the table above to cover tax withholding related to the vesting of their awards. The average prices listed in the above table are averages of the fair market prices at which we valued shares withheld for purposes of calculating the number of shares to be withheld.

# Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

#### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not Applicable.

# Item 5. Other Information.

None.

### Item 6. Exhibits.

The exhibits listed below are filed or furnished as part of this report.

Exhibit Number	Description		Pre	viously Filed		Included Herewith
		Form	File No.	Filing Date	Exhibit	
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Gevo, Inc.	10-K	001-35073	March 29, 2011	3.1	
3.2	Certificate of Amendment to Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Gevo, Inc.	8-K	001-35073	June 10, 2013	3.1	
3.3	Certificate of Amendment to Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Gevo, Inc.	8-K	001-35073	July 9, 2014	3.1	
3.4	Certificate of Amendment to Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Gevo, Inc.	8-K	001-35073	April 22, 2015	3.1	
3.5	Certificate of Amendment to Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Gevo, Inc.	8-K	001-35073	January 6, 2017	3.1	
3.6	Certificate of Amendment to Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Gevo, Inc.	8-K	001-35073	June 4, 2018	3.1	
3.7	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Gevo, Inc.	10-K	001-35073	March 29, 2011	3.2	
4.1	Form of the Gevo, Inc. Common Stock Certificate.	S-1	333-168792	January 19, 2011	4.1	

Exhibit Number	Description		Pre	eviously Filed		Filed Herewith
		Form	File No.	Filing Date	Exhibit	
	Fifth Amended and Restated Investors' Rights Agreement,	S-1	333-168792	August 12, 2010	4.2	
4.2	<u>dated March 26, 2010</u>					
	Stock Issuance and Stockholders' Rights Agreement, dated July					
4.3 †	<u>12, 2005, by and between Gevo, Inc. and California Institute of</u>	S-1	333-168792	August 12, 2010	4.3	
	<u>Technology</u>					
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4.4	Exchange and Purchase Agreement, dated April 19, 2017, by and among Gevo, Inc., the guarantors party thereto, the holders	8-K	001-35073	April 20, 2017	4.1	
	named in Schedule I thereto, and Whitebox Advisors LLC, in its					
	<u>capacity as representative of the holders.</u>					
4.5	Indenture, dated June 20, 2017, by and among Gevo, Inc., the	8-K	001-35073	June 20, 2017	4.1	
	guarantors party thereto, and Wilmington Savings Fund Society,	0 11	001 000/0	5 anc 20, 2017		
	FSB, as trustee and collateral trustee.					
4.6	Registration Rights Agreement, dated June 20, 2017, by and	8-K	001-35073	June 20, 2017	4.2	
	among Gevo, Inc. and the investors named therein.					
4.7	2015 Common Stock Unit Series A Warrant Agreement, dated	8-K	001-35073	February 4, 2015	4.1	
	February 3, 2015, by and between Gevo, Inc. and the American					
	Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC.					
4.8	2015 Common Stock Unit Series C Warrant Agreement, dated	8-K	001-35073	May 20, 2015	4.1	
4.0	May 19, 2015 by and between Gevo, Inc. and the American	0-1	001-55075	Widy 20, 2015	4.1	
	Stock Transfer & Trust Company LLC.					
4.9	Form of Series D Warrant to Purchase Common Stock.	8-K	001-35073	December 15, 2015	4.1	
4.10	Form of Amendment No. 1 to Series D Warrant	8-K	001-35073	June 13, 2016	4.1	

Exhibit Number	Description		Pr	eviously Filed		Filed Herewith
		Form	File No.	Filing Date	Exhibit	
4.11	Form of Series F Warrant to Purchase Common Stock.	8-K	001-35073	April 5, 2016	4.1	
4.12	Form of Series I Warrant to Purchase Common Stock	8-K	001-35073	September 15, 2016	4.1	
4.13	Form of Series K Warrant to Purchase Common Stock	8-K	001-35073	February 22, 2017	4.1	
10.1 #	Offer Letter, dated July 20, 2019, by and between Gevo, Inc. and Carolyn Romero					X
10.2 +	Renewable ATJ Purchase and Sale Agreement, effective July           26, 2019, between Gevo, Inc. and Air Total International, S.A.	8-K	001-35073	August 13, 2019	10.1	
10.3	Amendment to At-The-Market Offering Agreement and Engagement Agreement, dated August 15, 2019, between Gevo, Inc. and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC	8-K	001-35073	August 15, 2019	1.5	
31.1	Section 302 Certification of the Principal Executive Officer.					Х
31.2	Section 302 Certification of the Principal Financial Officer.					X
32.1	Section 906 Certification of the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer. **					X**
101	Financial statements from the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Gevo, Inc. for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2019, formatted in XBRL: (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Operations, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (v) Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.					x

† Certain portions have been omitted pursuant to a confidential treatment request. Omitted information has been filed separately with the SEC.

+ Certain portions of the exhibit have been omitted pursuant to Rule 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K. The omitted information is (i) not material and (ii) would likely cause competitive harm to the Company if publicly disclosed.

# Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

\*\* Furnished herewith

# 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 thereunto duly authorized.

Gevo, Inc. (REGISTRANT)

By:

/s/ Carolyn M. Romero Carolyn M. Romero VP - Controller (Principal Financial Officer)

Date: November 12, 2019



Carolyn Romero Via email July 22, 2019

Re:

Offer of Employment with Gevo, Inc.

Dear Carolyn:

We are very pleased to extend to you an offer of employment with Gevo, Inc., which is estimated to begin on July 23, 2019. The terms of our offer are as follows:

### 1. Position.

You will be employed by the Company in a regular, full-time position as Vice President – Controller and Principal Accounting Officer. Beginning on the date you join Gevo, you will be expected to devote your full working time and attention to the business of the Company, and not to work for any other business without Gevo's approval. During the period that you render services to the Company, you agree to not engage in any employment, business or activity that is in any way competitive with the business or proposed business of Gevo. You will also be expected to comply with and be bound by the Company's operating policies, procedures and practices that are from time to time in effect during the term of your employment.

# 2. Salary and Benefits.

Your annual salary shall be \$220,000, payable in accordance with the Company's normal payroll practices, with such payroll deductions and withholdings as are required by law. You will be eligible for an annual incentive payout in cash of up to 30% and a separate annual incentive payout in equity (stock options, RSUs etc.) of up to 30% of your annual salary which may or may not be granted at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. To the extent that the Company provides life, health, dental, disability or other insurance programs; pension, profit-sharing, 401(k) or other retirement programs; paid time off periods, or other fringe benefits, and subject to the satisfaction of any general eligibility criteria, you will receive such benefits to the same extent as other similarly situated Company employees. You will receive 160 (one hundred sixty) hours of vacation annually.

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### 3. Equity Awards.

Subject to formal approval by the Board of Directors, the Company will grant to you equity awards of the Company's Common Stock, pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions of the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan, and the Company's standard equity documents. Equity awards generally shall be initially unvested and shall vest over a period of time if you continue to be employed by the Company. All of the equity award terms will be defined more precisely in the definitive equity award agreements.

# 4. At Will Employment.

While we look forward to a long and productive relationship, should you decide to accept our offer, you will be an at-will employee of the Company, which means the employment relationship can be terminated by either of us for any reason, at any time, with or without notice and with or without cause. Any statements or representations to the contrary (including any statements contradicting any provision in this offer letter) should be regarded by you as ineffective.

### 5. Separation Benefits.

Upon termination of your employment with Gevo, Inc. for any reason, you will receive payment for all unpaid salary and paid time off leave bank accrued & earned as of the date of your termination of employment, and your benefits will be continued under the Company's then existing benefit plans and policies for so long as provided under the terms of such plans and policies and as required by applicable law. You will not be entitled to any other compensation, award or damages with respect to your employment or termination.

### 6. <u>Confidentiality</u>.

As an employee of the Company, you will have access to certain confidential information of the Company and you may, during the course of your employment, develop certain information or inventions that will be the property of the Company. To protect the interests of the Company, you will need to sign the Company's standard "Employee Proprietary Information and Inventions Agreement" as a condition of your employment. We wish to impress upon you that we do not want you to, and we hereby direct you not to, bring with you any confidential or proprietary material of any former employer, or to violate any other obligations you may have to any former employer. You represent by your signature on this offer letter and the Company's Employee Proprietary Information and Inventions Agreement in place between yourself and current or past employers.

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### 7. Authorization to Work.

Please note that because of employer regulations adopted in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, within three (3) business days of starting your new position you will need to present documentation demonstrating that you have authorization to work in the United States. For additional information, please go to this website: <u>https://www.uscis.gov/green-card/green-card-processes-and-procedures/employment-authorization-document</u>

### 8. Arbitration.

You and Gevo, Inc. agree to submit to mandatory and exclusive binding arbitration any controversy or claim arising out of, or relating to, this offer letter or any breach hereof or your employment relationship, <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the parties retain their right to, and shall not be prohibited, limited or in any other way restricted from, seeking or obtaining equitable relief from a court having jurisdiction over the parties. Any such arbitration shall be conducted through the American Arbitration Association in the State of Colorado, Denver County, before a single arbitrator, in accordance with the National Rules for the Resolution of Employment Disputes of the American Arbitration Association in effect at that time, and judgment upon the determination or award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

#### 9. Miscellaneous.

This offer letter, together with the Employee Proprietary Information and Inventions Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter of your employment by the Company. This offer letter will be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado without reference to conflict of legal provisions. This offer will remain open until seven days from the date of this letter. If you decide to accept our offer, and we hope you will, please sign the enclosed copy of this letter in the space indicated and return it to Human Resources at Gevo, Inc. Your signature will acknowledge that you have read and understood and agreed to the terms and conditions of this offer letter and the attached documents, if any. Should you have anything else that you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to call either one of us.

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We look forward to the opportunity to work with you.

Best regards,

<u>/s/ Patrick R. Gruber</u> Patrick R. Gruber Chief Executive Officer

Accepted and Agreed:

<u>/s/ Carolyn M. Romero</u> Signature

<u>7/22/2019</u> Date

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# CERTIFICATIONS

I, Patrick R. Gruber, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Gevo, Inc. (the "Registrant");
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the Registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the Registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 12, 2019

/s/ Patrick R. Gruber

Patrick R. Gruber Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

# CERTIFICATIONS

I, Carolyn M. Romero, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Gevo, Inc. (the "Registrant");
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the Registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The Registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the Registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 12, 2019

/s/ Carolyn M. Romero

Carolyn M. Romero VP - Controller (Principal Financial Officer)

# CERTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002 (18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350)

I, Patrick R. Gruber, Chief Executive Officer of Gevo, Inc. (the "Registrant"), and I, Carolyn M. Romero, VP - Controller of the Registrant, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

(1) The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Registrant for the quarter ended September 30, 2019 (the "Report"), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and

(2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Registrant for the period covered by the Report.

Date: November 12, 2019

/s/ Patrick R. Gruber

Patrick R. Gruber Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Carolyn M. Romero

Carolyn M. Romero VP - Controller (Principal Financial Officer)