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**Valero Announces the Production of Bulk Hand Sanitizer in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**SAN ANTONIO, April 2, 2020** – In response to the urgent call for the production of hand sanitizer needed in the fight against COVID-19, Valero announced that its ethanol operations began production today of hand sanitizer at its Hartley, Iowa, ethanol plant. Valero’s bulk production will help alleviate the supply shortages health care organizations and first responders are facing as they combat this virus. Valero received registration approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in record time. With quick action from the government and unprecedented efforts by Valero employees, hand sanitizer is being made.

Valero expects to distribute its sanitizer to its ethanol plants and refineries and on to local hospitals and emergency care providers.

“We are ready and willing to do what we can in communities surrounding our plants to help ease the nation’s critical shortage of hand sanitizer,” said Joe Gorder, Valero Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. “I am proud of our employees for their innovation and efforts to make this possible.”

As the world’s second-largest corn ethanol producer, Valero has 14 ethanol plants. The company is proactively reaching out to hospitals, emergency responders and other organizations nearby Valero’s plants to assess their needs for hand sanitizer and evaluate similar production at its other ethanol plants.

**About Valero**

*Valero Energy Corporation, through its subsidiaries (collectively, “Valero”), is an international manufacturer and marketer of transportation fuels and petrochemical products. Valero is a Fortune 50 company based in San Antonio, Texas, and it operates 15 petroleum refineries with a combined throughput capacity of approximately 3.2 million barrels per day and 14 ethanol*

*plants with a combined production capacity of 1.73 billion gallons per year. The petroleum refineries are located in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, and the ethanol plants are located in the Mid-Continent region of the U.S. Valero also is a joint venture partner in Diamond Green Diesel, which operates a renewable diesel plant in Norco, Louisiana. Diamond Green Diesel is North America's largest biomass-based diesel plant. Valero sells its products in the wholesale rack or bulk markets in the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Ireland and Latin America. Approximately 7,000 outlets carry Valero's brand names. Please visit [www.valero.com](http://www.valero.com) for more information.*

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