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Green Plains Inc. Appoints Gene Edwards to Its Board of Directors

OMAHA, Neb., June 19, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Green Plains Inc. (Nasdaq:GPRE) announced today the appointment of Mr. Gene Edwards to its board of directors effective June 19, 2014.

"We are pleased to welcome Gene to the Green Plains board of directors," said Todd Becker, Green Plains President and CEO. "Gene's extensive experience in the oil and gas industry combined with his managerial success and strategic vision makes him a solid addition to our board. We believe that Gene will positively contribute to our continued growth strategy and our focus on building long-term shareholder value."

Mr. Edwards served as Executive Vice President and Chief Development Officer of Valero Energy Corporation until his retirement in April 2014. He began his 32-year career at Valero as an Analyst in Planning & Economics and spent his tenure with Valero in various managerial positions in Planning and Economics, Refinery Operations, Business Development, and Marketing. Mr. Edwards was a key driver in Valero's entry into the ethanol business and helped the segment become a successful part of its overall business. Mr. Edwards holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Tulane University and a Masters degree in Business Administration from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Mr. Edwards' initial term will expire in 2016.

About Green Plains

Green Plains Inc. (Nasdaq:GPRE) is a diversified commodity-processing business with operations related to ethanol production, corn oil production, grain handling and storage, cattle feedlot operations, and commodity marketing and distribution services. The Company processes over ten million tons of corn annually, producing over one billion gallons of ethanol, three million tons of livestock feed and 250 million pounds of industrial grade corn oil at full capacity. Green Plains also is a partner in a joint venture to commercialize advanced technologies for growing and harvesting algal biomass.

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