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Fuel Systems Solutions to Relaunch U.S. Automotive Alternative Fuel Division in First Quarter 2009

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Fuel Systems Solutions, Inc. is to launch a North American Automotive Alternative Fuel Division during the first quarter of 2009 under the umbrella of its U.S. subsidiary, IMPCO Technologies, Inc. Since the 1960s, Fuel System Solutions' transportation subsidiary, BRC, based in Cherasco, Italy, has been a major provider of alternative fuel systems worldwide that convert gasoline vehicles to run on cleaner burning natural gas or propane, and in 2008, production increased to approximately 800,000 conversions annually.

Matthew Beale, president of Fuel Systems, said, "As part of our long-term growth strategy, we will begin by serving U.S. automotive fleets as they can quickly build the infrastructure necessary to fuel their vehicles, as well as achieve significant cost savings and emission benefits by converting their gasoline vehicles to run on our proven solution. The next step will be to replicate our original equipment manufacturers (OEM) and delayed-OEM model to distribute to U.S. consumers. Beale believes there to be "... significant opportunity worldwide for alternative gaseous fuel vehicles."

Mariano Costamagna, chief executive officer, Fuel Systems Solutions, said, "Our bi-fuel vapor sequential fuel injection systems enable the use of two fuels in one vehicle, which extends the driving range of the alternative fuel vehicle while protecting against refueling infrastructure shortfalls."

Fuel Systems Solutions also entered a purchase agreement last month via another subsidiary for the purchase of Tomasetto Achile parent, Distribuidora Shopping S.A. (DS). (See earlier [NGV Global story](#)).

IMPCO manufactures and markets products and systems that allow transportation and industrial engines to operate on cleaner burning gaseous fuels such as propane and natural gas.