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BENDIX TO EXPAND PRODUCTION IN HUNTINGTON **TO ADDRESS BUSINESS GROWTH**

Huntington, Indiana – Oct. 18, 2017 – After nearly four decades in Huntington, Indiana, Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC is still going strong – and continuing to grow. Bendix will expand its manufacturing capabilities and capacity with a \$3.8 million capital investment in equipment to launch two new production lines.

The lines will manufacture a portion of the company's vibration damper product lines, and will be installed in available space at the company's Module Center. Vibration engine dampers are used to reduce torsional vibration on engine crankshafts to prevent shaft failure and reduce noise. They also play a role in improved fuel economy.

Bendix, the North American leader in the development and manufacture of leading-edge active safety and braking system technologies for commercial vehicles, is set to begin serial production of Front Gear Train and Bolted dampers at the facility in a phased approach expected to take place between April and July of 2018. The move is anticipated to add approximately 20 hourly jobs over three shifts and up to seven new salaried positions.

The location in Huntington supplements the manufacturing capacity of Bendix's primary damper production plant in North Aurora, Illinois. A significant business win at a key Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) customer, plus a production shift to align the company's global footprint – more than doubling the North American business demands – prompted the expansion. The new production in Huntington is expected to generate nearly 170,000 dampers per year on top of current volumes.

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“From our facilities to our proven workforce, the Huntington operation is well positioned to continue growing through the addition of the two new vibration damper lines,” said Mike Pogorelc, plant manager. “Our talented, dedicated employees are always ready to accept new opportunities to serve and satisfy additional customers. The team is eager to move forward – we’re poised and ready to provide excellent quality, delivery, and service to our business partners.”

Bendix’s Huntington manufacturing campus opened in February 1980 and consists of four facilities with over 420 employees. In June, PACCAR named the site to its list of premier suppliers that meet the truck manufacturer’s rigorous quality expectation of 10 PPM for parts and components. The distinction is earned by lowering PPM, or product defects expressed in Parts Per Million, to below 10. The Bendix team in Huntington reduced its PPM to just under four. In another instance of quality recognition for Huntington, the Bendix facility also finished fifth for the prestigious global 2016 KB-Truck Knorr Excellence Award, given by the Munich, Germany-based Knorr-Bremse (KB) Group. Bendix is a member of KB, the leading worldwide supplier of pneumatic braking and related safety systems for commercial vehicle and railroad applications.

The Huntington manufacturing campus earned first place for the KB-Truck Knorr Excellence Award in 2014.

About Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, a member of the Knorr-Bremse Group, develops and supplies leading-edge active safety technologies, energy management solutions, and air brake charging and control systems and components under the Bendix® brand name for medium- and heavy-duty trucks, tractors, trailers, buses, and other commercial vehicles throughout North America. An industry pioneer, employing more than 3,200 people, Bendix is driven to deliver solutions for improved vehicle safety, performance, and overall operating cost. Contact us at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE (1-800-247-2725) or visit bendix.com. Stay connected and informed through Bendix expert podcasts, blog posts, videos, and other resources at knowledge-dock.com. Follow Bendix on Twitter at twitter.com/Bendix_CVS. Log on and learn from the Bendix experts at brake-school.com. And to learn more about career opportunities at Bendix, visit bendix.com/careers.

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