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### **BENDIX ACUÑA FACILITY CELEBRATES SAFETY MILESTONE**

*Plant II Achieves One Year without Recordable Injury,  
Reflecting Zero-Injury Culture and Employee Engagement*

**ELYRIA, Ohio – Oct. 31, 2018** – Team members at Plant II of the Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems Acuña manufacturing campus recently joined in a celebration. They enjoyed food and beverages, entered raffles, received promotional lunch bags, and participated in a friendly volleyball competition.

The men and women – numbering over 500 – more than earned the fun break. Because of their focus on safety, Plant II reached one year without a recordable injury. And the achievement is ongoing – the facility has seen no recordable injuries since May 2017.

The United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) defines a recordable accident as a workplace injury that requires medical attention beyond first aid.

Bendix's Acuña, Mexico, campus – which consists of four, state-of-the-art facilities – began operations in 1988. Plant II, which opened in 2000, is focused on remanufacturing and OEM production.

“To put this achievement into context, for manufacturing operations of the type at Plant II – with manually intensive activity, heavy products, and a comparable number of employees – the national average is 40 recordable injuries per year,” said Maria Gutierrez, Bendix director of corporate responsibility and sustainability. “In addition, for 2016 and 2017, as truck build began its steep and rapid increase, we experienced record sales and production volumes, as well as the influx of new employees to help us meet demand. Those challenges – including the onset of

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significant overtime – could have easily caused employees to deviate from our established safety processes, but that hasn't happened. Our team has remained focused at all times on eliminating serious injuries and maintaining high awareness on preventive activities.”

The other Bendix Acuña facilities are also no strangers to safety achievements. Plant I, which reached one year without a recordable injury in 2017, is on a new streak and is once again approaching the one-year milestone. Plant III reached over 1.5 million hours without a lost time injury in 2017.

### **Everyone on Board for Safety**

The Acuña Plant II milestone links to Bendix's safety awareness maintained across all levels of the organization, steeped in the concept of “each day, every day, one day at a time.”

Like all Bendix facilities, the Acuña campus follows Bendix's standardized preventive and corrective safety programs – developed by the global company for all of its sites – as well as procedures that empower employees to improve safety. As part of this effort, all Bendix locations operate safety teams and institute monthly training, audits, and inspections.

“At Acuña, we drive for safety, together. Our team members work diligently to follow core safety processes that quickly resolve unsafe conditions – and to identify and eliminate root causes. We also participate in incident sharing across all Bendix plants, to help reduce similar risks and injuries,” said Jackie Perez, plant manager of Bendix Acuña. “In addition, we're placing more emphasis on accountability in driving corrective actions, as well as increasing leadership engagement through safety walks around the facility.”

Perez continued, “Aside from the processes, safety comes down to individual men and women looking out for each other – not because they have to, but because they want to. We believe in investing in our employees, through activities, development, and recognition. In our view, employee engagement has a ripple effect in other areas, including morale and safety – where workers take on a key role in identifying unsafe conditions, unsafe behaviors, and safety improvements. Our Acuña leadership team has truly done an amazing job in fostering this sense of belonging to a family – the Bendix family.”

Bendix, the North American leader in the development and manufacture of active safety, air management, and braking solutions for commercial vehicles, operates facilities in the United States, Mexico, and Canada.

The Acuña manufacturing operation encompasses 521,000 square feet and employs more than 2,000 workers, who together are helping to shape tomorrow's transportation. Acuña and its employees represent one of the fastest-growing Bendix manufacturing sites, and were

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honored by leaders of Bendix's parent company, the Knorr-Bremse Group, as the company's top-ranked plant worldwide in 2011. Bendix recently expanded its presence in Mexico, opening a new Engineering Research and Development Center in Monterrey.

### **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](http://bendix.com). Stay connected and informed through Bendix expert podcasts, blog posts, videos, and other resources at [knowledge-dock.com](http://knowledge-dock.com). Follow Bendix on Twitter at [twitter.com/Bendix\\_CVS](https://twitter.com/Bendix_CVS). Log on and learn from the Bendix experts at [brake-school.com](http://brake-school.com). And to learn more about career opportunities at Bendix, visit [bendix.com/careers](http://bendix.com/careers).

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