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BENDIX TO OPEN NEW ENGINEERING CENTER IN MONTERREY, MEXICO

*Research and Development Facility Will Further Enhance Innovation
and Expand Company's Global Footprint*

ELYRIA, Ohio – March 5, 2018 – Expanding its global engineering capabilities, Bendix (Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC) will open a new Engineering Research and Development Center in Monterrey, Mexico, later this year.

The 7,800-square-foot Center, located within an existing building at the Research and Technological Innovation Park (PIIT), will further expand the North American presence of Bendix, which operates facilities in the United States, Mexico, and Canada.

Bendix is the North American leader in the development and manufacture of active safety, air management, and braking system technologies for commercial vehicles. BSFB is a joint venture between Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Dana Commercial Vehicle Products, LLC.

“Our legacy and our future are built on the innovation and expertise of our engineering advancements,” said Richard Beyer, vice president – engineering and R&D at Bendix. “No matter their geography, the members of our talented engineering team will continue working together to maintain a strong and hands-on relationship aimed at bolstering our existing expertise and long-term strategic impact.”

Construction of offices and test labs in Monterrey is under way, with an eye on completion in the third quarter. Employees are expected to begin working on-site in March.

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Bendix's headquarters in Elyria will remain the company's engineering and R&D leadership hub. The company also maintains engineering operations in Acuña, Mexico; Irvine, California; Kalamazoo, Michigan; and Vancouver, British Columbia.

"From globalization to the rapid-fire introduction of complex technologies and more, the commercial vehicle industry is changing as never before. More than one-third of today's commercial tractors and trailers are built in Mexico, and that percentage is rising," Beyer said. "This expansion of our engineering footprint will enable us to expand our North American presence to be even closer to our customers, and further enhance our overall level of support."

Beyer noted that the Monterrey area is home to several universities known for technical expertise, strong R&D partnerships, and a significant percentage of graduates in the areas of engineering and manufacturing.

Mexico has been a vital part of Bendix's business for 30 years, dating to the establishment of manufacturing operations in Acuña in 1988.

Bendix delivers on areas critical to the success of fleets and owner-operators – including safety, reliability, vehicle performance and efficiency, and lower total cost of ownership (TCO) – through an ever-growing portfolio of wheel-end and advanced safety technologies. By complementing its products with unparalleled post-sales support, Bendix aims to strengthen return on investment in equipment that improves highway and vehicle safety for everyone sharing the road.

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.

About Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC

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