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**BENDIX TO CONSOLIDATE NORTH AMERICAN ENGINE VIBRATION DAMPER
PRODUCTION, INCREASING OVERALL CAPACITY**

*Strategic Alignment Prompts Phased 2020 Closure of Illinois-Based
Manufacturing Facility and Ramp up at Bendix Huntington, Indiana, Campus*

ELYRIA, Ohio – Jan. 20, 2020 – Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (Bendix) today announced the launch of a phased transfer of its North American engine vibration damper manufacturing operations from the company’s North Aurora, Illinois-based facility to the Bendix manufacturing campus in Huntington, Indiana, by midyear 2020. The North Aurora facility is expected to end production by July 2020.

Today Bendix maintains two production locations for its damper product lines – the 34,000-square-foot primary site in North Aurora and a 62,000-square-foot site in Huntington. The action is part of the company’s overall strategic plan to optimize its North American manufacturing locations to address long-term growth and site expansion potential, in the context of the continued escalated business demands for damper products.

Engine vibration 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.

“The decision to consolidate production at a single location enables strategic alignment of our manufacturing operations and increased opportunities to support the company’s expanding damper product lines. The action will take place without disruption to our ability to meet customer needs,” said Carlos Hungria, Bendix chief operating officer. “In 2017, Bendix

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completed a \$3.8 million capital investment in equipment to launch two new production lines in Huntington, ultimately paving the way for continued expansion of our damper manufacturing capabilities and overall capacity.”

Hungria continued, “The decision to undertake the shift and shutter the North Aurora facility was not reached without careful evaluation and consideration, especially for those who will be impacted by the closure.”

Bendix, the North American leader in the development and manufacture of active safety, air management, and braking system technologies for commercial vehicles, has been operating in Huntington since February 1980. Currently, the company operates five locations within a 5-mile radius, including manufacturing, remanufacturing, and assembly sites, as well as Bendix’s primary North American distribution center. The complex is the site of continual growth and expansion, reinforced by the company’s business unit-focused approach.

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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