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BENDIX COMMENDS NHTSA NEW STOPPING DISTANCE RULING

Drum and Disc Brake Products Available Today Meet the Needs of All Fleets

ELYRIA, Ohio – July 31, 2009 –Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC applauds the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) final rule requiring a 30 percent reduction in stopping distance for heavy trucks. The company’s lineup of Bendix® brand foundation brakes – available on a full range of OE models today – currently meet the new government mandate and offer application-specific solutions that provide improved safety and reduced cost per mile.

“We commend NHTSA for making this final ruling,” said Walter Frankiewicz, president of Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake. “Bendix is committed to improving vehicle safety, and we believe the new ruling is critical to helping prevent accidents and saving lives. The final rule is an important step toward balancing stopping performance between the many vehicle types that share our roadways, and we look forward to working with our OEM customers in this vital effort.”

In a position paper published in mid-2006 on the then-proposed stopping distance regulation, Bendix CVS and Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake had advocated a position that, for the sake of highway safety, a 30 percent reduction should be mandated to shorten the stopping distance for large truck tractors.

NHTSA’s ruling requires implementation on typical three-axle tractors to be completed by Aug. 1, 2011. Tractors with two axles, as well as severe service tractors, must implement the new mandate by Aug. 1, 2013.

Since its inception in 2004, Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake has remained focused on its efforts to advance its braking technology. Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake currently offers all
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possible brake configurations to meet the new requirements, including all drum brakes, all disc
brakes, or a combination of both. The full lineup of Bendix® foundation brake products are
already commercially available and in production today at the company’s state-of-the-art wheel-
end manufacturing facility in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Bendix air disc brakes have experienced a 30 percent year-over-year growth in units
sold in each of the past three years. An estimated 150,000 Bendix® air disc brakes are now in
use on North American highways on tractors, trucks, and trailers from all six of the major truck
OEMs. Incorporating the robust design developed by parent company Knorr-Bremse, Bendix air
disc brakes are proven to significantly reduce stopping distances for commercial vehicles;
virtually eliminate brake fade with no degradation of stopping power; enable a passenger car-
like feel; and permit straight, stable stops due to high brake efficiency and low hysteresis.

Among its most recent drum brake developments, the company unveiled new, high-
performance models of its popular Single Anchor Pin, ES™ Extended Service drum brakes – in
a variety of sizes – for steer, drive, and trailer axle applications. The High-Performance ES™
drum brakes are a culmination of far-reaching development efforts, including nearly five years of
engineering, design, and testing in anticipation of NHTSA’s new requirements.

“Vehicle OEMs and fleets can make purchase decisions based upon their needs and
preferences,” said Aaron Schwass, director for the foundation drum group at Bendix Spicer
Foundation Brake. “We have been committed to developing advanced technology that meets
the new requirements, while providing our customers a cost-effective solution to improve brake
service life. Our solutions are lightweight, affordable, and will contribute to our mission of
improving the safety of our roadways.”

Comprehensive vehicle test data by Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake and Bendix
Commercial Vehicle Systems, as well as other industry sources confirm that vehicles can meet
or exceed the maximum stopping distance requirements through a variety of Bendix foundation
brake configurations. Based on the vocation, duty cycle, and customer expectations, the
company can recommend the brake configuration that will be the most effective combination for
the customer.

Regardless of the configuration, Bendix foundation drum brake components are fully
compatible with Bendix air disc brakes and will last longer, helping fleets reduce their life-cycle
costs.

About Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC

Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC combines and expands the complementary wheel-end
foundation brake technologies of two global leaders – Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC
and Dana Commercial Vehicle Products, LLC. The joint venture, formed in July 2004, is a single, complete source for OEM brake system design, manufacturing, hardware, and support for all foundation brake components and actuation systems, as well as all-makes coverage of nearly 50,000 medium- and heavy-duty aftermarket parts. Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC is headquartered in Elyria, Ohio, with engineering operations in both Elyria and Kalamazoo, Mich., and a manufacturing facility in Bowling Green, Ky. For more information, call 1-866-610-9709 or visit www.foundationbrakes.com.

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