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**BENDIX RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO
WORKPLACE SAFETY, PRODUCTION QUALITY, AND MANUFACTURING EFFICIENCY**

*Sixth Annual Knorr Production System (KPS) Awards Honor Individuals and Teams
Representing Facilities across North America*

ELYRIA, Ohio – April 2, 2019 – Bendix’s all-encompassing drive to improve commercial vehicle and highway safety includes a multitude of efforts on and off the road. Recently, Bendix employees from across North America gathered in Bowling Green, Kentucky, to recognize teams and individuals who are helping improve workplace safety, production quality, and manufacturing efficiency.

Representing Bendix facilities in Acuña, Mexico; Bowling Green; Elyria, Ohio; Huntington, Indiana; and North Aurora, Illinois, 10 individuals and one group earned Knorr Production System (KPS) awards for achievements in 2018. This marked the sixth anniversary of the event, which has expanded in scope each year to recognize more employees and their dedication to continuously improving Bendix’s work environment at all levels.

This year’s KPS award categories included Safety STARS (Safety Top Achievement Recognition System), Environmental, Best Quick Kaizen, Most Quick Kaizen, KPS Outstanding Contributors, and the Lifetime Achievement Award. Awardees were:

- Safety STARS: Acuña Maintenance, Plant 3 – Julio Domínguez, Fernando Escareño, Eduardo Gómez, Kevin Gómez, Roberto Guillen, Eduardo Hernández,

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Rene Hernández, Destine Herrera, Daniel Olvera, Simón Ramírez, Alberto Reyes, Natanael Reyes, Juan Robles, and Luis Valenzuela

- Environmental: Saidi Zorrilla, Acuña
- Best Quick Kaizen: Fernando Escareño, Acuña; Justin Reynolds, Bowling Green; Olga Vivero, North Aurora
- Most Quick Kaizen: Karla Valadez, Acuña
- KPS Outstanding Contributors: Maria Gutierrez, Elyria; Juan Carlos Hernandez, Acuña; Tricia Miller, Huntington; and Chris Ne, Huntington
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Mark Wasem, Bendix director of business excellence, Elyria

“Few things are as important as recognizing the people who do excellent work at all of our locations every day, which is why our KPS awards event is a highlight of our year,” said Carlos Hungria, Bendix chief operating officer. “We set clear standards for what we do, we ensure those standards are always met, and we strive for continuous improvement. Experiencing this, being part of it day in and day out, and living it: That is what matters. I am very proud of what we have all accomplished together over the past six years.”

All Bendix manufacturing operations are committed to the KPS quality, productivity, and continuous improvement culture, practiced worldwide throughout the Munich, Germany-based Knorr-Bremse Group, of which Bendix is a member. A key aspect of the KPS philosophy – implemented at Bendix beginning in 2012 – is encouraging and empowering employees to recognize potential problems, then develop and help implement their own suggestions for quality improvements. These employee-driven changes are what help define a Quick Kaizen environment where people and teams proactively seek to improve manufacturing.

“We put this process of challenge, change, and empowerment out there, and it is inspiring to see how enthusiastically Bendix employees have embraced it,” said Michael J. Hawthorne, Bendix president and CEO. “We couldn’t be prouder of this improvement culture that everyone in our facilities has created and shaped, making us a better workplace, and enhancing our position as a leader in vehicle safety technologies and manufacturing. All of us working together – one team with one vision – is one of the most important ways Bendix is shaping tomorrow’s transportation.”

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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