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### **BENDIX CELEBRATES NEW ENGINEERING CENTER IN MONTERREY, MEXICO**

*Mexico-based engineers join North American colleagues to help develop and integrate solutions to deliver more value for evolving global customer base*

**Monterrey, NL, Mexico – January 31, 2019** – Expanding its global engineering capabilities, Bendix (Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC) today held a grand opening celebration of its new Technical Center in Monterrey, Mexico.

The celebration was attended by members of the Bendix Executive Board, key Bendix business and engineering leaders, as well as guests from various Bendix partner universities, business partners, and collaborators of the Engineering Center.

The 7,800-square-foot Center, located within an existing building at the Research and Technological Innovation Park (PIIT), reflects Bendix as an evolving global company and a technology innovator. The site helps further expand its North American presence by driving Research & Development across the expansive Bendix portfolio of integrated products and solutions. The team – working in tandem with Bendix and Knorr-Bremse engineering colleagues across North America and worldwide, respectively – will help advance new and emerging technologies to deliver more value to the company's global customers and further strengthen its global presence.

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The projects undertaken at the Center will support the entire Bendix product portfolio. The efforts of the Monterrey-based engineering team will help reinforce the company's ongoing initiatives as well as to address the unprecedented introduction of emerging commercial vehicle technologies including vehicle electrification, automated and autonomous vehicles, and the ongoing search for greater fuel efficiency.

"Our legacy and future are built on the innovation and expertise of our engineering teams that work around the world to maintain a strong and hands-on relationship aimed at bolstering our existing expertise and long-term strategic impact. Mexico, where our industry manufactures more than a third of its commercial vehicle tractors and trailers, has been a vital part of Bendix's business for 30 years, dating to the establishment of manufacturing operations in Acuña in May 1988. Today, through this center located in Monterrey, we can further enhance our presence in North America and expand our engineering footprint," commented Richard Beyer, Vice President – Engineering and R&D at Bendix.

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

Juan Carlos Mellado, Director of Product Engineering at Bendix - Mexico, stated that: "One of the fundamental goals of this Technical Center is to help develop and validate new applied safety technologies for commercial vehicles, increase overall value for our customers, and drive the competitiveness of our engineering. We can achieve this by incorporating a solid group of highly-skilled engineers from numerous universities into our team, leveraging their wide-ranging experience in developing and shaping transportation technologies for today and tomorrow. We will also develop and maintain a close working relationship with prestigious local universities renowned for their technical experience, such as ITESM, UANL and UdeM, in addition to the CONACYT's research centers. Our location in the Research and Technological Innovation Park (PIIT) is of fundamental importance in ensuring the success of our new Technical Center".

Employees at the new Center will also continue the long-standing Bendix corporate culture of giving back to the communities in which our team members live and work.

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

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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](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).

### **About Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC**

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