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BENDIX MARKS GLOBAL REMANUFACTURING DAY

*From Sustainability to Quality to Cost Savings, Company Highlights Advantages
of Reman Parts; Continues Commitment to Industry Leadership*

ELYRIA, Ohio – April 11, 2018 – More than 200: That’s how many fully loaded tractor-trailers it would take to hold all the metal components Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC reused in the remanufacture of compressors, air dryers, and brake shoes last year. Reclaiming the components helped the company avoid the equivalent purchase of more than 8,000 tons of new parts. As it marks Global Remanufacturing Day on April 12, Bendix underscores the benefits of remanufactured parts – from sustainability to quality to cost savings – while reaffirming the company’s decades-long commitment to industry leadership in remanufacturing.

Global Remanufacturing Day, an initiative of the Remanufacturing Industries Council, is an occasion to advance the remanufacturing industry through remanufacturer-hosted events and workforce development initiatives.

In 2017, Bendix produced over 2 million remanufactured components across its product lines.

“Reman Day is great for awareness of remanufacturing, which is a critical aspect of our industry that continues to grow. At Bendix, remanufacturing is vitally important in many ways, including being a key part of our dedication to environmental stewardship through conservation of energy, raw materials, and landfill space, for instance, as well as climate protection,” said Maria Gutierrez, director of corporate responsibility and sustainability. “Our Reman business strategy focuses on the triple bottom line – people, planet, and profit. We’re driven to achieve sustainable, long-term growth and to consistently reduce the environmental impact of our

company. Last year, by helping us avoid the equivalent purchase of more than 8,000 tons of new parts, our remanufacturing operations reduced the company's carbon footprint by 28,000 equivalent tons of CO₂. Those outcomes tie directly to one of Bendix's deepest principles – responsible growth by taking care of the environment and improving the quality of life in the communities where we live and work.”

Genuine Reman

Global Remanufacturing Day offers another opportunity to revisit what qualifies as a genuine remanufactured product. To qualify, a component must be factory rebuilt by the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) using a mix of reconditioned components and brand-new components from the same suppliers they use on original equipment. Wear components and items subjected to high stress or high temperatures, or subject to high fatigue or corrosion, are replaced with original spec components identical to those on a brand-new product. In addition to reducing environmental impact of new part production, remanufactured components help reduce replacement costs and extend vehicle life.

“Remanufacturing is not to be confused with rebuilding – the terms are not interchangeable,” said Henry Foxx, Bendix director of remanufactured products. “Lower-cost alternatives to reman parts are often rebuilt rather than remanufactured. Take, for instance, a rebuilder breaking down the core of an air compressor for reuse. Because they may not have full access to OEM-quality replacements, they may simply clean or repaint the compressor's parts, reuse the wear components, or replace them with inferior versions.”

Rebuilders may just reline brake shoes with new friction, instead of coining to return them to the proper OEM geometry. Also, OEM-level remanufacturers conduct much more rigorous postproduction testing, because they have the resources and expertise already in place.

For over 40 years, Bendix, the North American leader in the development and manufacture of leading-edge active safety and braking system technologies for commercial vehicles, has been a remanufacturing leader. Remanufactured components from Bendix include brake shoes, air disc brakes, valves, air dryers, compressors, and electronics. In 2011, Bendix formed a dedicated business unit focused on its remanufactured products. The company continues to grow its remanufacturing business and further develop its operations and offerings.

Bendix provides further insight on remanufacturing and replacement parts at the Knowledge Dock® (knowledge-dock.com), which features videos, blog posts, podcasts, and white papers, as well as an archive of the Bendix Tech Tips series.

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Through its industry leadership, an ever-growing portfolio of technology developments, and unparalleled post-sales support, Bendix delivers on safety, plus other areas critical to fleets' success, including vehicle performance and efficiency. By lowering the total cost of vehicle ownership for fleets and owner-operators, Bendix helps strengthen return on investment in technologies and equipment that improve highway safety for drivers and passengers across North America's roads.

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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