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### **QUALITY AT THE FOREFRONT: BENDIX TRANSITIONS TO NEW IATF 16949:2016 AND ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFICATION STANDARDS**

*Companywide, Bendix Meets Requirements for Quality Management Systems Used to Enhance Customer Satisfaction While Meeting Organizational Strategic Goals*

**ELYRIA, Ohio – Aug. 27, 2018** – Bendix (Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC), continuing to demonstrate its commitment to compliance with industry, customer, and regulatory requirements, has concluded IATF 16949:2016 and ISO 9001:2015 transition audits organization-wide at 13 facilities across eight locations. The company completed all audits successfully, ensuring full transition to the new IATF and ISO standards.

IATF, the International Automotive Task Force, and ISO, the International Organization for Standardization, focus on quality management systems in IATF 16949 and ISO 9001. The previous versions of these standards were released in 2009 and 2008, respectively.

In combination, the latest standards are intended for use by automotive organizations seeking to manage quality management system responsibilities in an internationally agreed-upon manner that contributes to overall industry goals relative to ensuring high standards for quality and product safety.

“Bendix wants every one of our stakeholders, from customers to suppliers, to feel confident that we are implementing the requirements of these critical quality management standards properly. Third-party certification is key to helping build that confidence,” said Carlos Hungria, Bendix chief operating officer. “These latest achievements reflect our long-standing dedication to quality, to continuous improvement, and to our customers. Remaining current in all

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regulatory obligations; always striving to fulfill customer obligations for certification levels, through robust processes; and driving dynamic quality management systems within our operations, from design to manufacturing, are important parts of this overall effort.”

To facilitate the transition, teams at each Bendix location prepared for more than a year to further strengthen existing quality management systems to address the latest revisions to the IATF 16949 and ISO 9001 standards.

In one area of concentration, as defined in the update, the team enhanced risk management within the company’s strategic planning and governance processes. Teams also increased focus on product safety in alignment with the company’s quality goals, product development and commercialization efforts, and global change management processes. In addition, teams emphasized proactive initiatives aimed at meeting business and quality objectives – key performance indicators – in alignment with industry and organizational strategic goals.

Bendix manufacturing locations completing the transition to IATF 16949:2016 and ISO 9001:2015 were four facilities at the Acuña, Mexico, campus; Bowling Green, Kentucky; three plants at the Huntington, Indiana, operation; and North Aurora, Illinois. Support site locations were the Elyria headquarters and the engineering operations at Irvine, California; Kalamazoo, Michigan; and Richmond, British Columbia, Canada. Intertek Group plc conducted the external audits.

Bendix also recently completed transition audits across the company for ISO 14001:2015, which focuses on standards for environmental management systems.

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