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BENDIX NAMES MIKE POGORELC VICE PRESIDENT, SUPPLY CHAIN EXCELLENCE

*Strong and Experienced Leader Brings Long History of Success at Bendix and
Focus on Continued Business Growth*

ELYRIA, Ohio – June 29, 2018 – Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC, North America’s leader in the development and manufacture of active safety, air management, and braking system technologies for commercial vehicles, has appointed Mike Pogorelc vice president, supply chain excellence. Pogorelc also became the newest member of the Bendix Leadership Committee.

A Bendix team member for 28 years, Pogorelc started with the company in May 1990 as a facility design engineer in Elyria. After a series of increasingly larger roles, he was named plant manager for Bendix’s Huntington, Indiana, operations in October 2001. In his role as vice president, he will be based in Huntington.

In addition to his expansive experience directing the bustling Huntington campus, Pogorelc gained valuable global know-how in 2015 after spending much of the year serving as interim managing director for KB India – part of the Knorr-Bremse Group, Bendix’s parent company. Prior to Bendix, he was a demolition sergeant in the U.S. Army Special Forces, and later held positions at Eastman Kodak and Lincoln Electric.

“Mike epitomizes a leader who has come up through the ranks – distinguishing himself in every role at Bendix, providing strong and experienced leadership, and ensuring our company is optimally prepared for growth,” said Carlos Hungria, Bendix COO. “We are excited that he has taken on his newest role. Bendix is confident that he and his team will be key to driving a successful supply chain organization for our business.”

At Huntington, Pogorelc has been instrumental in driving quality and delivery excellence as well as expanding the scope of the operation that now encompasses a four-building campus.

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Under his leadership, the facility has benefited from the successful combination of a strong vision from Bendix management, highly engaged employees who contribute to the quality culture, and timely two-way customer communication.

Among its many achievements, in 2017, the site was named to PACCAR's list of premier suppliers that meet the OE's rigorous quality expectation of 10 PPM for parts and components. The distinction is earned by lowering PPM, or product defects expressed in Parts Per Million, to below 10. Bendix reduced its PPM in Huntington to just under four. In another instance of quality recognition for Huntington, the Bendix facility finished first in 2014 and fifth in 2016 for the prestigious global KB-Truck Knorr Excellence Award, given by the Munich, Germany-based Knorr-Bremse (KB) Group. The award recognizes the top plant among all of KB's world-class truck facilities in critical performance areas, including business, customer, people, society, and supplier.

When it comes to the Huntington workforce and their family members, Pogorelc and his leadership team have continued to foster a culture of health and wellness. This is evidenced, in part, by an impressive 92 percent engagement rate in health screenings available through the program.

Pogorelc holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio; and a Master of Organizational Leadership and Supervision from Purdue University – Fort Wayne, Indiana, campus.

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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