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BENDIX SAFETY TECHNOLOGIES TO BE FEATURED IN
PETERBILT® NORTH AMERICAN TOUR

*Bendix Will Promote Air Disc Brake and Active
Safety Technologies During 77-Stop Event*

ELYRIA, Ohio – May 3, 2010 – Leading technologies from Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC will be highlighted during the Peterbilt® Motors Company North American Tour which kicked off April 26. Bendix will display its Bendix® ADB22X™ air disc brakes and active safety technologies, including Bendix® ESP® Electronic Stability Program and Bendix® Wingman® ACB – Active Cruise with Braking.

The tour – which offers interactive displays and demonstrations – will visit more than 77 Peterbilt dealer locations throughout the United States and Canada, began April 26 in Missouri and will end Oct. 8 in Texas. Peterbilt is showcasing its PACCAR MX Engine and the new Aerodynamic Flagship Model 587. The SmartWay® certified Model 587 includes innovative features such as advanced aerodynamic performance, improved visibility, forward lighting and maneuverability. EPA SmartWay certification offers customers fuel savings, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and significant reductions in NOx, particulate matter, and other air pollutants.

“We are very pleased to join Peterbilt, one of our trusted OEM partners, in such an exciting event,” said Joe McAleese, president and CEO of Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems. “The tour offers us another opportunity to talk with our customers throughout North America, offering them hands-on experience with the industry-leading air disc brake and active safety technologies from Bendix.”

For a schedule of stops on the Peterbilt tour featuring Bendix technologies, please visit http://www.peterbilt.com/north_american_tour.aspx.

Bendix Air Disc Brakes Offer Superior Performance

Tour visitors will be able to see and discuss the Bendix ADB22X air disc brake – which is standard on the front axle of Peterbilt's Model 587. The Bendix® air disc brake package offers uncompromising stopping power, longer brake life, and provides fast and easy pad replacement, improving uptime. Easy access to the brake pads minimizes maintenance labor and expense, allowing drivers and fleets to reduce costly downtime.

Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC (BSFB) has been manufacturing air disc brakes in North America since 2005. They are currently produced at its state-of-the-art, ISO/TS-certified manufacturing facility in Bowling Green, Ky. Air disc brakes from Bendix are proven to significantly reduce stopping distances for commercial vehicles; virtually eliminate brake fade with no degradation of stopping power; provide a passenger car-like feel; and permit straight, stable stops. North American field experience, which continues to grow at a rapid pace, consistently validates the superior performance advantages of the Bendix air disc brake in stopping distance, pad and rotor life, and brake fade.

“We commend Peterbilt on becoming the first over-the-road, heavy truck manufacturer to make air disc brakes standard equipment,” said Aaron Schwass, director for the foundation brake group at Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake. “The superior stopping power, better braking feel, and low maintenance design of the Bendix ADB22X air disc brake all strongly complement the other advanced features found on the Model 587.”

Bendix ESP Full-Stability Units Mitigate Accidents, Improve Safety Records

In addition to air disc brakes, customers visiting a tour stop can learn about the Bendix full-stability system. Bendix was the first North American brake system manufacturer to make a full-stability solution widely available for the commercial vehicle market.

Full-stability technology is more comprehensive than roll-only stability. Unlike roll-only systems, full-stability systems – such as Bendix ESP Electronic Stability Program – address both roll and directional stability. While roll-only options function on dry surfaces, full-stability systems recognize and mitigate conditions that could lead to rollover and loss-of-control situations sooner on dry surfaces and in a wider range of driving and road conditions, including snowy, ice-covered, and slippery surfaces.

“For eight years, Bendix has been steadfastly communicating the benefits of full-stability technology – that there is no better option for saving lives, reducing accidents, ensuring the safety of drivers, and protecting safety records,” said Fred Andersky, Bendix director of

marketing – Controls. “In increasing numbers, fleets are seeing this technology as an obvious choice and are turning to it.”

Current Bendix stability OEMs – Peterbilt, International[®], Kenworth, Mack, and Volvo – continue to offer Bendix ESP to fleets interested in improving highway safety with the full-stability solution.

Bendix Wingman ACB Now Offers Stationary Object Alert

The third Bendix technology available on the Peterbilt tour is Bendix Wingman ACB – Active Cruise with Braking. The Wingman Active Cruise with Braking system – standard on the Model 587 – enables drivers to maintain a safe following distance behind a forward vehicle through proactive warnings and active interventions.

Five commercial vehicle OEMs now offer the collision mitigation technology on their on-highway vehicle platforms. Peterbilt, International, and Kenworth announced at the 2010 Mid-America Trucking Show that they have joined Mack and Volvo in offering the advanced active safety technology.

Launched in March 2009, Bendix Wingman ACB is designed to deliver driver-friendly, forward collision warning and mitigation, using full vehicle and braking system integration.

Bendix now offers Stationary Object Alerts as part of Bendix Wingman ACB. The innovative system provides always-on audible and visual alerts to the driver when the vehicle is approaching a stationary metallic object, such as a car, steel drum, or other road obstruction blocking the lane. The alert is given to the driver 1.0 to 2.5 seconds before a potential impact, enabling the driver to respond to the impending threat. The warning, like all the alerts available with the system, does not turn off and is always ready.

“The warning assists drivers in taking the necessary action to avoid a potential collision,” said Andersky. “This latest enhancement is another example of the Bendix team listening to the needs of fleets, which felt the addition of Stationary Object Alert would improve the original Bendix Wingman ACB product.” He added that operators who currently have Bendix ACB installed on their vehicles can upgrade their system to include stationary object alerts at a later time if they choose. And in the future, when always-on interventions are available, fleets with the system today also can receive an upgrade to include this functionality.

Bendix believes full stability is a critical foundation for active safety technologies. As a result, it built its Bendix Wingman ACB upon the Bendix ESP Electronic Stability Program.

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, 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 2,000 people, Bendix is driven to deliver solutions for improved vehicle performance, safety, and overall operating cost. Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems is headquartered in Elyria, Ohio, with manufacturing plants in Acuña, Mexico; Bowling Green, Ky.; Huntington, Ind.; and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. For more information, call 1-800-AIR-BRAKE (1-800-247-2725) or visit www.bendix.com. Follow Bendix on Twitter at @Bendix_CVS.

About Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC

Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC combines and expands the complementary wheel-end foundation brake technologies of two global leaders – Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Dana Commercial Vehicle Products, LLC. The joint venture, formed in July 2004, is a single, complete source for OEM brake system design, manufacturing, hardware, and support for all foundation brake components and actuation systems, as well as all-makes coverage of nearly 50,000 medium- and heavy-duty aftermarket parts. Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC is headquartered in Elyria, Ohio, with engineering operations in both Elyria and Kalamazoo, Mich., and a manufacturing facility in Bowling Green, Ky. For more information, call 1-866-610-9709 or visit www.foundationbrakes.com. Follow Bendix Spicer on Twitter at @Bendix_CVS.

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