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### **BENDIX REMANUFACTURES 1.5 MILLION BRAKE SHOES** **IN OPERATION'S FIRST 18 MONTHS**

*Industry Looks to Reman Shoes for Regulatory and Safety Solutions*

**ELYRIA, Ohio – March 26, 2014** – Less than 18 months after its launch, Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems' remanufactured brake shoe operation has surpassed the 1.5-million-unit production milestone. Bendix, the North American leader in the development and manufacture of leading-edge active safety and braking system technologies, began serial production of reman shoes at its 70,000-square-foot Huntington, Ind., facility in the fall of 2012.

The Bendix Brake Shoe Remanufacturing Center combines Bendix's nearly 40 years' experience in remanufacturing with Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake's acknowledged leadership in wheel-end solutions and brake shoe manufacturing. Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC (BSFB) is a joint venture between Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Dana Commercial Vehicle Products, LLC.

Reman brake shoes can play a key role in helping fleets and drivers continue to adapt to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Reduced Stopping Distance (RSD) mandate and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) program.

"With RSD in full effect as of August 2013, and an increased focus in the commercial vehicle industry on CSA scores, vehicle operators are looking to control risk and limit liability by selecting higher-quality, RSD-compliant shoes from a respected original equipment supplier,"

said Henry Foxx, Bendix director of remanufactured products. "We've achieved our goal of providing our customers with OE quality in a reman brake shoe. Since our reman brake shoes are actually brought back to OE specifications and not just relined, they deliver the high level of durability, reliability, performance, and extended lining life necessary for safety and compliance in today's industry."

In tandem with Bendix's three-tiered friction strategy engineered to meet every customer's need for safety, performance, and value, remanufactured brake shoes contribute to a wide range of solutions for fleet managers and owner-operators as they shape their parts strategy.

Unlike the majority of brake shoe reliners, Bendix coins 100 percent of its brake shoes to return the shoe to OE geometry so it will perform as designed by OE engineers. Additionally, to provide longer service life, Bendix reman shoes feature a salt-spray-tested coating that virtually eliminates rust jacking. Finally, to ensure correct lining attachment for maximum lining service, Bendix reman shoes are assembled with the same riveting procedure used in OE production.

"When it's a Bendix brake shoe, we don't just assemble it and put it in a box," Foxx said. "Multiple quality checks and end-of-line testing – part of the stringent quality standards in place for all Bendix products – ensure that customers get a product they can count on."

The Bendix reman brake shoe operation goes beyond manufacturing to include an in-house research and development center for robust friction testing and engineering, and a state-of-the-art order fulfillment operation to ensure that customers receive fast and easy access to inventory. And Bendix remanufactured shoes are fully supported by field-tested sales and service professionals; a 100 percent ASE-certified field technical support team; and the Bendix Tech Team (at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE), an expert technical support group providing service advice, brake system troubleshooting, and product training.

Bendix remanufactured brake shoes are part of the company's ever-growing portfolio of wheel-end technology that delivers on safety, plus other areas critical to fleets' success. By delivering complete braking solutions and robust post-sales support, Bendix helps improve vehicle performance and efficiency, lowering ownership costs and increasing highway safety. For more information, call 1-800-AIR-BRAKE or visit [www.foundationbrakes.com](http://www.foundationbrakes.com).

### **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

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