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BENDIX ACUÑA EMPLOYEES BUILD VIKING SHIPS IN THE NAME OF TEAMWORK

Event Designed to Drive Employee Integration and Promote Results-Based Approach

Included Conference on Building Emotional Intelligence

ELYRIA, Ohio – June 20, 2019 – To drive employee integration, facilitate the development of new ideas, improve communication, and promote a results-based approach, the Acuña, Mexico, campus of Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC organized a boat-building activity for approximately 200 employees. The Bendix team members, invited by the company to participate, were primarily administrative personnel and production support employees. They came together on a recent Saturday for the occasion.

The event, undertaken in conjunction with *Pasión por el Éxito* (Passion for Success), encompassed two different activities. The first focused on the construction of two, 45-foot wooden Viking boats: Employees were divided into groups, each tasked with building a certain part of the boat, highlighting the magic of teamwork in achieving goals. The process of building a boat focused on consolidating a results-based approach, and improving communication and productivity problem-solving skills. All participants were faced with time, planning, and strategy challenges.

Highlighting the importance of this type of activity, Acuña Plant Manager Jackie Pérez said, "It helps us consolidate practices that allow us, as a company, to achieve shared goals, drive camaraderie, and, above all, work together every single day for the same common purpose."

The second activity was a conference on emotional intelligence, designed to drive synergy and a sense of belonging through a deeper understanding of tools and recommendations to become more productive, maintain a positive attitude, and consolidate the company's values.

At the end of the event, the participants talked about how this great experience will allow them to implement the lessons learned in their professional, personal, and family lives. *Pasión por el Éxito* disassembled the ships after a group celebration.

"I was pleased to share and experience great team spirit, joy, and enthusiasm during the activities performed, culminating with the goal planned at the beginning of the event, building Viking ships," said Belem Fierro, Acuña human resources manager. "These activities, as well as the emotional intelligence conference, are part of the training programs that Bendix is driving to continue to create leaders. The skills developed through these programs will contribute to a sustainable growth that will allow us to continue being the best in what we are and what we do."

Established in May 1988, Bendix's Acuña manufacturing operation consists of three state-of-the-art facilities and a logistics center. The operation employs more than 1,800 workers and encompasses 412,000 square feet. Acuña is one of the fastest-growing Bendix manufacturing sites, and executives of the Knorr-Bremse Group consider it a model manufacturing facility. Knorr-Bremse honored the Acuña operation as its top-ranked plant worldwide in 2011. Bendix also maintains other operations in Mexico, including an Engineering Research and Development Center in Monterrey and an expansive Distribution Center in Mexico City.

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