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Increase in Demand Results in New Production Line at Bowling Green Facility

ELYRIA, Ohio – March 30, 2011 – Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC (BSFB) will open a new production line at its Bowling Green, Ky., manufacturing plant in June to meet increased demand for its patented Bendix® ADB22X™ air disc brakes. Once fully operational, the new state-of-the-art automated production line will triple the current assembly capacity for BSFB's North American operation.

With a nearly 120 percent increase in demand from 2009 to 2010 and an expected additional increase of nearly 40 percent in 2011, the new production line will help BSFB continue to meet the needs of OEMs, fleets, and owner-operators that are looking to extend brake system life and improve highway safety.

“Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake continues to invest in the business and in the manufacture of air disc brakes,” said Walt Frankiewicz, president of Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake. “The dramatic increase in demand and the new production line is the result of the growing acceptance of our ADB22X air disc brake in the North American market. Combined with our Extended Service drum brakes, our goal is to offer the industry’s very best braking solution – solutions that improve safety and reduce maintenance costs while demonstrating the high level of performance and reliability our customers demand.”

The patented Bendix ADB22X air disc brake is a lightweight air disc brake package offering longer brake life and fast and easy pad replacement, improving uptime for fleets. The

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brakes are designed at Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake headquarters in Elyria, Ohio, and manufactured at its state-of-the-art production facility in Bowling Green, Ky.

Bendix® air disc brakes 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. In addition, Bendix air disc brakes offer longer brake life and fast and easy pad replacement, improving uptime for fleets. Extensive field experience has validated the air disc brakes' superior performance advantages relative to stopping distance, pad and rotor life, and brake fade.

Since its inception in 2004, Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake has remained focused on its efforts to advance its braking technology. Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake currently offers numerous brake configurations to meet the new National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reduced stopping distance requirements, including all drum brakes, all disc brakes, or a combination of both. The full lineup of Bendix® foundation brake products are commercially available and produced at the company's state-of-the-art wheel-end manufacturing facility in Bowling Green.

Bendix foundation drum brakes, disc brakes, automatic slack adjusters, and combination spring brakes are produced and made available by Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC under the Bendix® brand name. Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake is a joint venture between Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Dana Commercial Vehicle Products, LLC.

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 BSFB on Twitter at http://twitter.com/Bendix_CVS.

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