

SKF and Knorr-Bremse to jointly develop specialized technology to monitor railway bogies

SKF and Knorr-Bremse Systeme für Schienenfahrzeuge GmbH have started a joint project to develop condition monitoring capability for rolling stock integrated in Knorr-Bremse's brake control systems.

The new monitoring system will add next generation functionality, enabling to remotely monitor and gather data from each bogie system - while the train is in full service on the track. As a result, the train operator or the service provider will be able to achieve early faulty detection of defects in order to avoid or reduce secondary damages through component failures. The new system enables the operator to introduce condition-based maintenance and reduce life cycle costs.

The monitoring solution from SKF will be based on their world leading SKF on-line system for trains IMx-R and will involve joint development of a specialized electronic monitoring board, capable of recording and diagnosing conditional data of railway vehicles, which is to be integrated into Knorr-Bremse brake control systems.

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The SKF Group is the leading global supplier of products, solutions and services in the area comprising rolling bearings, seals, mechatronics, services and lubrication systems. The Group's service offer includes technical support, maintenance services, condition monitoring and training. SKF is represented in more than 130 countries. The company has more than 100 manufacturing sites and also sales companies supported by some 15,000 distributor locations. SKF also has a widely used e-business marketplace and an efficient global distribution system. The Group's net sales in 2006 were MSEK 53,101 and the number of employees was 41,090. To find out more about AB SKF, please visit www.skf.com.

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The Knorr-Bremse Group is the world's leading manufacturer of braking systems for rail and commercial vehicles. For more than hundred years now the company has pioneered the development, production and marketing of state-of-the-art braking systems. Other lines of business include automatic door systems, rail vehicle air conditioning systems and torsional vibration dampers for internal combustion engines. In 2006 the Group posted sales of EUR 3.1 billion and employed a workforce of 13,000. To find out more about Knorr-Bremse, visit www.Knorr-Bremse.com.

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