

Press Release

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Knorr-Bremse donates EUR 1.5 million to help victims of the natural disasters in Japan

In view of the dramatic events of the last few days and the catastrophic situation in North-Eastern Japan following the earthquake and tsunami, as well as the consequences of the nuclear disaster, the Knorr-Bremse Group has decided to donate EUR 1.5 million to support the relief effort. One third of this sum will go towards emergency relief measures and two thirds towards reconstruction projects. To ensure targeted and effective support for the victims of the disasters in Japan, the reconstruction projects will be chosen and implemented in Japan by the local Knorr-Bremse organization.

“We are deeply shocked by the scale of the catastrophe in Japan. Through our emergency relief aid and the longer-term reconstruction projects we want to signal our heartfelt solidarity with those directly affected,” commented Knorr-Bremse shareholder Heinz Hermann Thiele.

Through its Rail Vehicle Systems and Commercial Vehicle Systems divisions, Knorr-Bremse has deep roots in Japan. On Monday of last week, the Group’s Japanese production and sales facilities were closed until further notice, to give employees time to take care of their personal concerns and attend to the welfare of their families. Non-Japanese staff and their families were offered the option of leaving the country. In view of the positive developments over the past weekend in Fukushima, there are now real hopes that the situation will become more stable.

For over six years now Knorr-Bremse has been helping people in need through the Knorr-Bremse Global Care organization. Since January 2005, the aid provided by Global Care has reached out to help some 220,000 people. In all, funding of EUR 5.5 million has enabled more than 60 aid projects to be realized in over 30 countries on four continents. The Global Care organization was founded in response to the tsunami disaster that hit Indonesia, Thailand and Sri Lanka in December 2004.

The **Knorr-Bremse Group** is the world’s leading manufacturer of braking systems for rail and commercial vehicles. For more than 100 years now the company has pioneered the development, production, marketing and servicing of state-of-the-art braking systems. In the rail vehicle systems sector, the product portfolio also includes automatic electro-pneumatic or electric door systems, air conditioning systems, control components and windscreen wiper systems, as well as platform screen doors. In the commercial vehicle systems sector, the product range includes complete braking systems with driver assistance systems, as well as torsional vibration dampers and powertrain-related solutions, such as the Pneumatic Booster System (PBS) and transmission control systems for greater efficiency and lower fuel consumption.

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