

## **BestDrive, LLC Expands Midwest Presence with Acquisition of Brahler's, Inc.**

- **Includes seven locations in Illinois and Missouri**
- **Richard Brahler remains organizational head under BestDrive banner**

Fort Mill, SC - April 4, 2016. BestDrive, LLC, a commercial tire dealer and retreader, gained significant traction in the Midwest recently with the purchase of Brahler's Trucker Supply, Inc. on February 1st, 2016. The seven service locations in Illinois and eastern Missouri, including one retread shop, continues the increasing expansion of Continental Tire's BestDrive commercial tire and retread service network throughout the United States and North America.

Founded more than 40 years ago in Meredosia, Illinois, Brahler's has been a trusted commercial tire and retreading company that offers alignments, new tire sales, industrial tires, and tire management programs, as well as many other products and services.

Under the guidance of Brahler's organizational head Richard Brahler, the former Brahler's locations will continue to offer these high quality services and products under the BestDrive banner. "I am very excited to be part of the BestDrive family," said Brahler, "As a solution provider for many years it made perfect sense to join forces after seeing the new products and technologies Continental is bringing to the our customers...it's a win-win."

"We are incredibly pleased to bring a well-known and respected company like Brahler's into the BestDrive family," said Glen Carson, Director of Retail for Commercial Tires at Continental the Americas, LLC, the parent company of BestDrive. "This move puts BestDrive in a great position to better serve the Midwest region as we continue to expand both our locations and our services," he added.

The new BestDrive shops employ approximately 100 employees across all seven service and retread locations. BestDrive outlets carry multiple brands of radial truck tires as well as Continental commercial vehicle tires, Continental specialty tires, ContiPressureCheck and commercial tire pressure monitoring systems. BestDrive will continue to utilize the state-of-the-art Brahler's retread facilities, transitioning from the Marangoni retread process to the preferred ContiLifeCycle (CLC) process.

Other BestDrive operations are located in Arizona, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and Michigan. BestDrive, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Continental Tire the Americas, LLC.

Continental develops intelligent technologies for transporting people and their goods. As a reliable partner, the international automotive supplier, tire manufacturer, and industrial partner provides sustainable, safe, comfortable, individual, and affordable solutions. In 2015, the corporation generated preliminary sales of approximately €39.2 billion with its five divisions, Chassis & Safety, Interior, Powertrain, Tires, and ContiTech. Continental employs more than 208,000 people in 55 countries.

The Tire Division currently has 24 production and development locations worldwide. The broad product range and continuous investments in R&D make a major contribution to cost-effective and ecologically efficient mobility. As one of the world's leading tire manufacturers with more than 47,000 employees, the Tire Division achieved sales of €9.8 billion in 2014.

Continental Commercial Vehicle Tires is one of the largest manufacturers of truck, bus and commercial specialty tires worldwide. The business unit is continuously developing from a pure tire manufacturer to a solution provider, offering a broad range of products, services and tire-related solutions.

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