

Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association Semi-Annual Press Release

CONVEYOR INDUSTRY REACHES RECORD LEVEL IN 1999

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NAPLES, FLORIDA — The Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) reports that, for the fifth consecutive year, record-setting growth occurred in booked and billed sales for the industry. Booked sales totaled \$6.4 billion for 1999, and shipments totaling \$5.9 billion established a new industry record. Booked sales eclipsed the prior year record of \$5.4 billion according to James F. Krempa, CEMA President, who announced the results at the Association's annual meeting in Naples, Florida in March.

Booked sales for unit handling conveyors increased by 26%, and shipments increased by 5%. Bookings and shipments for bulk handling conveyors decreased by 7% and 5%, respectively, from 1998 levels.

The pace of booked orders and shipments for the industry increased 19% and 7%, respectively, compared with 1998. This was led by an increase in three of the seven unit handling conveyor categories — unit handling (*light to medium*), trolley (*heavy-duty conveyors*), and tow conveyors. One of the four bulk handling conveyor categories posted an increase in booked orders (*Engineered Bulk Handling Equipment*), and one category in shipments (*Bulk Belt Conveyor Components*).

Founded in 1933, CEMA is the national trade association of leading U. S. conveyor equipment manufacturers. CEMA tracks seven classes of unit handling equipment and four classes of bulk handling equipment.

The executives representing CEMA member companies who attended the annual meeting were confident that year 2000 equipment orders and shipments would remain at or exceed 1999 record levels.

CEMA also makes available to both member and non-member companies, safety labels for all types of conveyor equipment as well as useful technical information and manuals.

For further information on CEMA or its member companies, or to order safety labels or technical information, visit our web site at <http://www.cemanet.org>.

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