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News Release

CONVEYOR INDUSTRY REACHES RECORD LEVEL IN 2000

NAPLES, FLORIDA, March 14, 2001 — The Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) reports that for the sixth consecutive year, record-setting growth occurred in booked and billed sales for the industry. Booked sales totaled \$7.3 billion for 2000, and shipments totaled \$7.3 billion, both establishing new industry records. Booked sales eclipsed the prior year's record of \$6.4 billion, according to Gregg Goodner, CEMA President, who announced the results at the Association's annual meeting in Rancho Mirage, California, in March.

Booked sales for unit handling conveyors increased by 15%, and shipments increased by 26%. Bookings and shipments for bulk handling conveyors increased by 5% and 4%, respectively, from 1999 levels.

The pace of booked orders and shipments for the industry increased 14% and 22%, respectively, compared with 1999. This was led by an increase in six of the seven unit handling conveyor categories — unit handling (*light to medium*), unit handling (*heavy-duty conveyors*), trolley (*light to medium*), tow conveyors, unit components, and conveyor chain. One of the five bulk handling conveyor categories posted an increase in booked orders (bulk systems), and two categories in shipments (screw conveyors and bulk handling equipment).

Founded in 1933, CEMA is the trade association of leading North American conveyor equipment manufacturers. CEMA tracks seven classes of unit handling equipment and five classes of bulk handling equipment.

The executives representing CEMA member companies who attended the annual meeting were optimistic that year 2001 equipment orders and shipments should meet or exceed 2000 record levels.

CEMA also makes available to both member and nonmember 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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