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CONVEYOR INDUSTRY SEES SHIPMENT AND ORDER GROWTH AGAIN IN 2006

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NAPLES, FLORIDA – The Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) reports that 2006 shipments in North America were up 5.9% for the conveyor industry. CEMA estimates that shipments totaled \$7.45 billion for 2006, an increase of \$420 million from 2005 revised shipments of \$7.03 billion. This strong showing follows a 5.7% increase in 2005.

CEMA estimates that new orders totaled \$7.46 billion for 2006, which represents a 2.9% increase or \$212 million increase over revised 2005 orders.

CEMA President, Thomas Easterhouse, announced the results at the Association's annual meeting in Palm Desert, California, in March.

CEMA tracks new orders and shipped sales volume in 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 pleased with the 2006 results and were optimistic for 2007.

Founded in 1933, CEMA is the trade association of leading North American conveyor equipment manufacturers and engineering firms.

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 example, CEMA has available for purchase in both CD or hardcopy, the 2nd printing of *Belt Conveyors for Bulk Materials 6th Edition* - "The Belt Book". This book is an authoritative technical manual for bulk belt conveyor design worldwide. For further information on CEMA, "The Voice of the North American Conveyor Industry" or its member companies, or to order safety labels or CEMA publications, visit our web site at <http://www.cemanet.org>.

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