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CONVEYOR INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS FALL IN 2009

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NAPLES, FLORIDA – The Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) reports that 2009 shipments in North America were down 22.74%. CEMA estimates that shipments totaled \$6.058 billion for 2009, a decrease of \$1.76 billion from 2008 shipments of \$7.821 billion. 2009 broke the string of five consecutive years of growth.

CEMA estimates that new orders totaled \$5.71 billion in 2009. New orders in 2009 were \$1.18 billion less than 2008, representing a decrease of 17.79%.

CEMA President, Todd Swinderman, announced the results at the Association's 77th annual meeting in Scottsdale, AZ, earlier this month.

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 expressed cautious optimism for a rebound and forecasted a 2% increase in shipments for 2010.

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

CEMA also makes available to 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 and/or hardcopy, the 2nd printing of *Belt Conveyors for Bulk Materials 6th Edition* - "The Belt Book" and the *CEMA Application Guide for Unit Handling Conveyors* - "The Unit Book" (hard copy only). These books are authoritative technical manuals for 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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