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Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) Semi-Annual Press Release

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NAPLES, FLORIDA – The Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) reports that overall industry orders (bookings) for the first 6 months of 2013 decreased 3.72% compared to the same period in 2012, with total orders of \$5.21 billion. CEMA estimates industry billed sales (shipments) for the first 6 months of 2013 decreased 1.72% compared to the same period in 2012, with total shipments of \$5.09 billion.

Unit Handling orders were up 8.17% and shipments were up 12.20%. In the Bulk Conveying area, orders were down 16.76% and shipments were down 16.56%.

CEMA tracks new orders and shipped sales volume in nine classes of unit handling equipment and four classes of bulk handling equipment.

The executives representing CEMA member companies who attended the Fall Meeting expressed cautious concern for the remainder of 2013 noting that some softening was to be expected following back to back record years in 2011 and 2012. As a result of this softening, the updated forecast is for a 2% decrease in 2013 shipments (changed from March 2013 forecast of a 5% increase). CEMA President, Warren Chandler announced the results at the Association's Fall Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

Founded in 1933, CEMA is the trade association of 127 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, *Belt Conveyors for Bulk Materials 7th Edition* - "The Belt Book" and the *CEMA Application Guide for Unit Handling Conveyors* – "The Unit Book". 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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