NAPLES, FLORIDA – The Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) reports that 2016 shipments in North America were up 1.6%. CEMA estimates that shipments totaled $12.188 billion for 2016, a record level and an increase of $265 million from 2015 shipments of $11.923 billion.

CEMA estimates that new orders totaled $12.324 billion in 2016. New orders in 2016 were $1.17 billion more than 2015, representing an increase of 9.8%.

Unit Handling orders were up 17.0% and shipments were up 5.8%. In the Bulk Conveying area, orders were down 5.4% and shipments were down 7.7%.

CEMA President, Garry Abraham, announced the results at the Association’s 84th annual meeting in Phoenix, AZ earlier this month.

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 annual meeting expressed cautious optimism and forecasted shipments will increase 7.5% for 2017.

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

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 2nd Edition – “The Unit Book”. These books are authoritative technical manuals for conveyor design worldwide. For further information on CEMA, “The Voice of the Conveyor Industry of the Americas” or its member companies, or to order safety labels or CEMA publications, visit our web site at http://www.cemanet.org.