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CONVEYOR INDUSTRY SHIPMENTS FLAT IN 2008

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NAPLES, FLORIDA – The Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) reports that 2008 shipments in North America were flat for the conveyor industry. CEMA estimates shipments totaled \$7.821 billion for 2008, an increase of \$1 million from 2007 shipments of \$7.820 billion. 2008 follows two strong years where shipments increased 4.98% in 2007 and 5.9% in 2006.

CEMA estimates new orders totaled \$6.89 billion in 2008, which represents a 15% decrease or \$1.22 billion under 2007 orders.

CEMA President, Dan Fannin, announced the results at the Association's 76th annual meeting in Marco Island, FL, 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 expressed reservations for 2009 but are hopeful for a rebound in 2010.

Founded in 1933, CEMA is the trade association of leading North American conveyor equipment manufacturers and engineering firms. CEMA publishes numerous technical publications and has safety labels for all types of conveyor equipment. *CEMA's Belt Conveyors for Bulk Materials 6th Edition*, *The Belt Book* is now available on CD or hardcopy. CEMA is also accepting orders for *CEMA's Application Guide for Unit Handling Conveyors*, which is scheduled for release later this year. The Belt and Unit Handling Books are excellent technical publications providing system design guidelines worldwide. These publications and safety materials are available to member and non-member companies.

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