



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RON ARKEMA ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CONVEYOR EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

NAPLES, FL – Ron Arkema, vice president, Van Gorp Corporation, Pella, Iowa, was elected president of the Conveyor Equipment Manufacturers Association (CEMA) at the organization's recent 79th Annual Meeting in Miami, Florida.

Arkema becomes head of the North American industry trade group founded in 1933. CEMA currently has 116 member companies.

Other officers elected at the Association's Annual Meeting:

Vice President - Warren Chandler, operations manager, Stephens-Adamson, Belleville, Ontario, Canada

Secretary – Jerry Heathman, sales & marketing manager, Chantland Pulley & Roller Company, Humboldt, IA

Treasurer – Jim McKnight, senior vice president, system sales and marketing, Intelligrated, Inc., Mason, OH

Elected to the Board of Directors were:

Tom Barry, president and Manager NAFTA region, Cinetic Sorting Corp., Louisville, KY

Fred Thimmel, president, Bryant Products, Ixonia, WI

Ned Thompson, president & CEO, Prab, Inc., Kalamazoo, MI

Bill Pugh, president, Ralphs-Pugh Co., Benicia, CA.

Carryover members are:

Garry Abraham, general manager/CEO, Screw Conveyor Corporation, Hammond, IN

Dean Bogner, vice president of sales, Webster Industries, Inc., Tiffin, OH

Mike Mitchell, business development manager, Stober Drives Inc., Maysville, KY

Bob Domnick, vice president, sales, marketing and engineering, Superior Industries, Morris, MN

Paul Ross, president, Douglas Manufacturing Co., Inc., Pell City, AL

Geoff Normanton, senior vice president technology, Fenner Dunlop, Pittsburgh, PA

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