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Morris Material Handling Performs Service Modernizations to Improve Performance, Reliability, and Safety of Cranes

OAKCREEK, WI (August 27, 2009)—Morris Material Handling, the original equipment manufacturer of P&H® Cranes, Hoists, and Replacement Parts, provides crane and hoist modernization services to improve overall performance of overhead lifting systems. Productivity suffers when critical cranes consistently break down or require frequent maintenance. Morris Material Handling can perform a complete overhaul of cranes and hoists—including vintage models—to help customers achieve a higher level of productivity, efficiency, and safety.

Service modernizations from Morris Material Handling help customers achieve maximum real-time return on investment, restoring faulty or outdated overhead lifting systems to peak performance and reliability. Modernizations can correct a wide range of crane and hoist deficiencies, including mechanical instability, inadequate capacity, high spare parts turnover, high maintenance costs, poor diagnostics, obsolete components, and changes in manufacturing standards. Strategically planned, modernizations can result in increased performance and reliability, reduced maintenance and emergency repairs, proper machinery classification, and better spare parts availability.

Pre-engineered modernizations from Morris Material Handling are an economic solution for customers who seek to upgrade equipment—including drive systems, motors, and controls—to meet higher performance standards. Upgrade solutions for overhead lifting systems include automation, new end trucks with dual drives, crane capacity up-rates, replacement package hoists, and replacement trolleys. Modernizations can also increase the performance, reliability, safety, and spare parts availability of vintage cranes built between 1960 and 1990. Engineers can increase the lift height, retrofit drive controls, and refurbish motors to advance vintage cranes to current performance standards.

When changes in application require modifications to the original structure and dimensions of a crane or hoist, service modernizations from Morris Material Handling can be a cost-efficient alternative to purchasing new crane systems. Common modernizations for a change in application include increasing lifting capacity and speeds, fitting hoists with replacement trolleys, completing pulpit conversions, decreasing or increasing crane spans, and installing variable frequency drive motors.

Morris Material Handling also conducts service modernizations to improve ergonomics and safety. Technicians can install safety features that reduce the risk of accidents and injuries, such as collision avoidance systems, fall arrest protection, distance detection systems, bridge and runway bumpers, and travel limit switch conversions. Equipment can be ergonomically improved with new control interfaces, load characteristics adjustments, enhanced diagnostics, and upgraded data reporting capabilities. Recent developments include remote monitoring technology that allows diagnostics to be performed from a remote location, improving the productivity and efficiency of preventive maintenance programs.

Morris Material Handling follows a four-step modernization process to help customers strategically address the modification requirements of their overhead lifting systems. Engineers analyze the requirements of the current application, determine the feasibility of the modernization, detail the necessary materials, and service and renew the equipment. Prior to servicing and renewing equipment, engineers also conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the customer's operating processes and offer recommendations for alternative processes to increase overall productivity.

To find out more about service modernizations from Morris Material Handling and all other material handling solutions from Morris Material Handling, contact Morris Material Handling, 315 W. Forest Hill Avenue, Oak Creek, WI 53154. For the nearest service center anywhere in North America, call 800-933-3001 or visit www.morriscranes.com.

About Morris Material Handling

Morris Material Handling is a world-class supplier of overhead cranes and maintenance services, and the original equipment manufacturer of P&H® Cranes, Hoists, and Replacement Parts. Headquarters are in Wisconsin, where the original company was founded in 1884. The company serves customers in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Chile, with over 1,000 employees in multiple service and manufacturing locations. Their on-going commitment is to improve safety, productivity, and return on investment over the entire life-cycle of their customers' operations.

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