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Morris Material Handling, Inc., Conducts Extensive Portal Crane Inspections

OAKCREEK, WI (March 25, 2009)—Morris Material Handling, Inc., the original equipment manufacturer of P&H® cranes, hoists, and replacement parts, offers on-site portal crane inspections as a crucial, proactive step in portal crane care. The Portal Crane Inspection Program from Morris Material Handling promotes safety, reliability, and regulatory compliance with a goal of lowering the total cost of crane ownership. Highly trained, experienced technicians thoroughly inspect portal crane components and make repair recommendations to improve efficiency, uptime, and performance of the equipment. Accurate, detailed reports are promptly generated in a standardized electronic format, typically within three to five days of completed inspections.

Routine inspections help keep portal cranes in efficient working order, ensuring safe and reliable operation. Trained on all brands of cranes, Morris Material Handling technicians investigate the structure, operator conditions, and wear patterns of portal crane components, including rail end stops and gantry systems, grapples, hoist systems, trolley assemblies, operator cabs, limit switches, drive systems, motors, brushes, gear drives, and teeth of gear boxes. The technicians complete concise, easy-to-read reports during on-site inspections. The comprehensive reports specify repairs and identify all deficiencies and associated potential risks, ranging from the most critical safety issues to the least serious general maintenance problems.

The Portal Crane Inspection Program from Morris Material Handling also helps to ensure compliance with OSHA and ANSI regulations for portal crane safety. Crane owners must complete periodic inspections of all cranes and maintain a record of inspection reports to meet U.S. and Canadian requirements. Completing regular portal crane inspections will provide assurance that portal cranes are meeting both governmental and national operating standards and safety regulations.

A proactive inspection and maintenance program will extend the service life of portal crane equipment and limit future breakdowns, lowering the total cost of equipment ownership. The Portal Crane Inspection Program from Morris Material Handling provides operators with the tools to predict failure rates on portal crane components, allowing them to better prepare scheduled change outs and develop a more predictable operating budget. Following repair recommendations outlined in the inspection reports will reduce unexpected shutdowns, increase uptime with a reduced risk factor, and support overall operator efficiency. Inspection reports can also serve as a helpful checklist to use in regular preventative maintenance programs—an expedient follow-up practice after routine portal crane inspections.

To find out more about the Portal Crane Inspection Program from Morris Material Handling, or for details about the Portal Crane Product Support Group, call 800-633-1336. For all other service inquiries, contact the nearest service center anywhere in North America at 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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