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## **Port Equipment Manufacturers Association broadens membership further**

**September 30, 2010 – The Port Equipment Manufacturers Association (PEMA) is seeing its membership expand once again with the addition of German electronics manufacturer, IFM Electronic and Israel’s Hi-Tech Solutions (HTS).**

“Security in ports now rivals safety as a key issue for the global maritime industry. Our two new members are drawn from both these critical fields, and we anticipate they will bring valuable insights to our work,” says PEMA President, Ottonel Popesco.

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Established in 1969, IFM Electronic supplies advanced sensors and controllers to leading spreader manufacturers, including Bromma, RAM and ZPMC. IFM’s area of specialisation encompasses inductive proximity sensors for twist locks; detection and distance measurement systems for anti-collision devices fitted to port cranes, mobile controllers and I/O modules; cameras and displays for mobile applications; hydraulic pressure and temperature sensors; RFID systems and cables.

In the ports and intermodal sectors, HTS specialises in optical character recognition equipment, laser profiling, security and gate and port automation. Formed in 1992 and with operations based in Israel, the Netherlands and the US, HTS also manufactures solutions for damage inspection and hazardous materials tracking.

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## About PEMA

PEMA provides a forum and public voice for the global port equipment and technology sectors, reflecting their critical role in enabling safe, secure, sustainable and productive ports and thereby supporting world maritime trade.

Chief among the aims of the Association is to foster good relations within the world port equipment and technology community, by providing a forum for the exchange of views on global trends in design, manufacture and operation. PEMA also aims to promote and support the global role of the equipment and technology industries, by raising awareness with the media, customers and other stakeholders; forging relations with other port industry associations and bodies; and contributing to best practice initiatives.

Members include ABB, Actiw, AME, APS Technology Group, Baltkran, Brevetti Stendalto, Brieda Cabins, Bromma, Bureau Veritas, Cavotec MSL, Conductix-Wampfler, Control Techniques, Craneports, Hyster Europe, Identec Solutions, Kalmar Industries, Konecranes, Konecranes Liftrucks, Lasstec, Linde Heavy Truck Division, Liftech Consultants, Loxystem, MAFI Transport-Systeme, Michelin, Nexans, Portek Group, Pintsch Bubenzer, Prysmian, RAM Spreaders, SICK, Siemens, Stinis, Svetruck, Terberg Benschop, Terex Cranes, Tratos Cavi, TTS Port Equipment and Visy.

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