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**AIST PRESENTS THE 2010 CRANE INNOVATION OF THE YEAR AWARD TO
CHARLES A. TOTTEN OF MORRIS MATERIAL HANDLING / KONECRANES**

Pittsburgh, Pa., USA, June 29, 2010 – AIST and its Material Movement and Transportation Technology Division proudly presented the 2010 Crane Innovation of the Year Award to Charles A. Totten, national accounts manager — integrated steel mills, Morris Material Handling Inc., for his paper entitled, “World-Class Crane and Runway System for the 21st Century.” Mr. Totten received the award at the 17th Annual Cranes Symposium on June 14, 2010, at the Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh, Pa., USA.

Established in 2007, the Crane Innovation of the Year Award is given annually to the author of a paper, selected by the AIST Material Movement and Transportation Technology Division and judged by the Cranes Technology Committee, to the best technical paper submitted.

Mr. Totten spent 37 years at Bethlehem Steel’s Indiana mill, Burns Harbor Division. During his career, he progressed through a number of roles with increasing responsibility in electrical maintenance management, including the hot strip mill and the plate mill areas. His last position served was as the superintendent of the Services Department, a plant-wide centralized maintenance group supporting plant activities. Mr. Totten studied industrial electrical technology at Valparaiso Technical Institute and holds a Certificate of Professional Supervision from Purdue University North Central. A member of AIST since 1984, he has served as chairman of the Cranes Technology Committee, co-chair to the committee’s annual crane symposiums and in 2007 was honored as an AIST Distinguished Member. He has authored several technical papers on cranes and runways. In 2003, Mr. Totten began a new career with Morris Material Handling (the original equipment manufacturer of P&H cranes), now a subsidiary of Konecranes, the largest overhead lifting manufacturer in the world. As the national accounts manager — integrated steel mills, he is charged with the responsibility of offering solutions to customers’ overhead material handling situations.

In addition to the award listed above, each of AIST’s nine Technology Divisions has established up to three awards, to be presented at various AIST venues, including a technical session at AISTech—The Iron & Steel Technology Conference and Exposition or MS&T—Materials Science and Technology Conference and Exhibition, a Technology Committee meeting, a Specialty Training Conference, or a Member Chapter event.

AIST is an international technical association of more than 13,800 professional and student members, representing iron and steel producers, their allied suppliers and related academia. The association is dedicated to advancing the technical development, production, processing and application of iron and steel.

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