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PEMA praises resilience of global ports sector in face of Covid-19 crisis

The Port Equipment Manufacturers Association (PEMA) has praised the commitment of the ports and terminals sector as it strives to play its role in keeping global trade flowing in response to the spread of Covid-19.

In addition to its terrible human toll, the coronavirus has put unprecedented pressure on the complex supply chains that play a crucial role to the functioning of the global economy and the well-being and livelihoods of people everywhere.

Despite exceptionally challenging circumstances, the world's ports and

terminals continue to operate wherever feasible. Ships, trucks and trains are being loaded and unloaded around the clock, ensuring that food, drugs and medical equipment are supplied, and that other vital products, machinery and raw materials reach their destinations.

“All around the world, ports and terminals continue to operate as normally as possible thanks to the dedication and commitment of staff, suppliers, producers and others,” says PEMA President and Chairman of the Board, Ottonel Popesco.

“Although disruption is likely to characterize the weeks and months ahead, the efforts of the global ports and terminals sector today will help to ensure that once the Covoid-19 crisis is over, global trade will be better placed to recover as strongly and quickly as possible.

“Furthermore, PEMA’s technical committees continue to work throughout this period to improve the safety and reliability of port equipment. Our members are committed to supporting our customers to keep vital port equipment operating properly, ” Popesco adds.

Founded in 2004, PEMA provides a forum and public voice for the global port equipment and technology sectors. The Association has seen strong growth in recent years, and now has 110 member companies representing all facets of the industry, including crane, equipment and component manufacturers, automation, software and technology providers, consultants and other experts.

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