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Maine Drilling & Blasting Announces Opening of New Explosives Magazines in New York

Gardiner, ME (August 14, 2007) – Maine Drilling & Blasting, one of the nation's best-known drilling and blasting companies, announces the opening of two new magazine sites located in Plattekill and Hartford, New York. These two new magazines will further the company's commitment to being a local presence in order to better support customers by providing the best services at the most effective costs.

The decision to invest in these new facilities lay in the company's three basic principles of compliance, cost, and customer service. Constructing strategically located magazines allows the company to control the hours of service compliance and better utilize the distribution of its assets in a safer, more compliant environment. Having magazines closer to the company's markets facilitates improvement on travel time as well as the hours of operation, and ultimately renders the service more reliable with fewer logistical interruptions.

The Plattekill and Hartford, New York locations will enable the company to become more self reliant by minimizing the use of outside vendors for explosive supply. The site in Hartford, New York is the larger of the two and represents a major investment by Maine Drilling & Blasting to serve Eastern New York and Vermont. This venue provides not only an explosives magazine, but full distribution services for quarry and construction operations.

"The new distribution facility in Hartford, New York will allow us to rebalance distribution equipment and manpower, relieving manpower and compliance pressures to this market," says President, Bill Purington. "With the addition of the explosive depot in Plattekill we have opened some new opportunities."

Maine Drilling & Blasting, recognized as a leader in the industry and a long-term contributor to the local community, offers drilling and blasting services to the construction and quarry markets, along with a variety of specialty services throughout the Northeastern United States, including rock bolting, hoe ramming, engineering, public relations, preblast surveys and packages and bulk distribution. In addition to the corporate office in Gardiner, Maine, Maine Drilling & Blasting as offices in New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

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