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**Maine Drilling & Blasting and Atlantic Blasting Merge Operations  
to Better Service the Local Market**

**Gardiner, ME (August 10, 2007)** – Maine Drilling & Blasting, one of the nation’s best known drilling and blasting companies, announces its acquisition of Atlantic Blasting. In pursuit of common goals and industry challenges, Atlantic Blasting and Maine Drilling & Blasting felt their shared initiatives were best served by building one outstanding team.

Maine Drilling & Blasting and Atlantic Blasting are each diversified family businesses driven by a commitment to their customers and a standard to provide the highest quality workmanship and service. By joining operations, the intent is to focus on the strengths of each company as well as the new synergistic value generated in order to provide the best possible service and value to local clients.

“As one company, Atlantic and Maine Drilling & Blasting will economically provide the industry in the Northeast with the best people and service found in North America,” says President, Bill Purington. “This merger will greatly strengthen our teams and our ability to better service our new and old customers in a very tough market.”

The joint operation will provide the best drilling and blasting safety, technical services, engineering, training, public relations, equipment program, distribution network, and customer service. The merger will provide Maine Drilling & Blasting with a new divisional office in Milford, MA, further demonstrating the commitment to being a local presence. Through this consolidation of resources, each company will continue to exhibit their leadership roles in the industry by providing the highest quality workmanship and customer service by being a local presence.

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 packaged and bulk explosive distribution. In addition to the corporate office in Gardiner, Maine, Maine Drilling & Blasting has offices in New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

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