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## **Maine Drilling & Blasting Celebrates 40 years of Unwavering Principles**

**From kitchen table to corporate tableau, consistency proves key.**

One of the nation's best-known drilling and blasting companies is busy proving the old adage "the more things change, the more they stay the same." And that's a good thing.

Even though Maine Drilling & Blasting has grown in size and scope of services since March of 1966 when Ted Purington, Sr. and his wife, Judy, started the business from their kitchen table, the company has never strayed from its founding principles, or its focus on local service.

"And therein lies our success", says President, Bill Purington. "This company was built on hard work, honesty and quality of services. As we celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we're proud to say those principles guide all we do. And as we've expanded to serve new markets, we've made it a point to commit to a local presence that allows us to compete with local knowledge, as a local company, throughout the Northeast. That's how we started; that's how we operate today."

From the kitchen, the business grew into the barn, then into a secondary tin building at the family homestead. "Sunday afternoons, we kids would have the job of inventorying the magazine which sat 100 feet from the back of the house!" Bill quips.

Today, the Gardiner-based company functions from offices in several states and employs over 350 people, including the four brothers who are a key part of day-to-day operations. Ted Purington, Jr., Executive Vice President, manages the operational side of the business out of Auburn, NH. Jim Purington, General Superintendent, supervises large technical projects. Tom Purington, Regional Quarry Superintendent, supervises Maine quarry accounts.

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 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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