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AGC Maine Honors Bill Purington
Maine Drilling & Blasting Chief Receives Major Achievements in Construction Award

Gardiner, ME (August 9, 2008) William Purington, President and CEO of Maine Drilling and Blasting in Gardiner has been awarded the 2008 Major Achievements in Construction Award. The award is presented annually to a person in the construction industry who has unselfishly contributed his or her time, energy, and talent to Maine's construction industry and the Associated General Contractors of Maine. Purington is the 33rd to be recognized with this prestigious award.

The award was presented in Bar Harbor by AGC Maine Vice President Mark Bancroft. In his remarks, Bancroft commented that Bill Purington's management expertise had enabled the company to double in size every 4-5 years since the early 90's, covering the northeastern United States. Today, Gardiner-based Maine Drilling and Blasting is one of the largest companies of its type in North America.

In his remarks while accepting the award, Purington thanked AGC Maine and credited his family members and employees for maintaining a high standard of performance and for their continued focus on excellence. "We have a great team at Maine Drilling and Blasting" Purington said, adding that "each member has contributed to the company's success."

Bancroft said the Major Achievements in Construction is the AGC's most prestigious award and that the tradition is best illustrated by the caliber of its past recipients – starting with Bud Cianchette, in 1975. Other MAC Award winners include Jerry Haynes, Ralph Knowlton, Herbert E. Sargent, Al Bancroft, Phil Grondin, Jack Kelley, Chuck Cianchette, John Bridge, Don Starr and last year's winner, Ron MacQuinn.

Bill Purington's stewardship and commitment to the construction industry extends beyond his family and company. Bill completed AGC of America's Advanced Management Program in 1992. He then served on the AGC Board and was Chapter President in 1995. He has been recognized as the Maine Small Business Person of the Year, and received the Kennebec Valley's President's Award in 1999. Purington currently serves on the Board of Directors at Bangor Savings Bank and Thomas College.

About MD&B: 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.

About AGC: Chartered in 1951, Associated General Contractors of Maine, (AGC Maine) is the state chapter of The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC). AGC Maine is dedicated to ensuring a sound and healthy construction industry, and providing the public with an assurance of the skill, responsibility and integrity that AGC-member firms are known for. The company has 275 member companies in the General, Specialty and Sub Contractors and Service / Supplier divisions.