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**MD Drilling & Blasting Receives Associated General Contractors Safety Award**

(Milford, MA • 17 August 2011) MD Drilling & Blasting was honored with an Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Massachusetts Merit Award for an Exemplary Safety Record for the year ending December 31, 2010.

The Merit Award is given to AGC of Massachusetts members that achieve an incident frequency rate 25% lower than the state industry average. In addition to incident rate measurement, the criteria included company management, active employee participation, safety training, work site hazard identification and control, and safety program innovation. The AGC of Massachusetts had 48 firms that participated in 2010, 13 receiving an AGC Merit Award.

John Capasso, President of MD Drilling & Blasting, received the award from Phil Hammond, *CPSM, AICP*, Director of Client Relations, the Association of Commercial and Institutional Builders, Wellesley, MA. “We have a very strong safety culture,” says Capasso. Our Safety Director and Team should be congratulated, as well as the individuals within the MD Division in Massachusetts, especially since not only did we achieve a rate 25% lower than the industry average in the Specialty Division ... we achieved a ZERO incident rate.”

MD Drilling & Blasting, a subsidiary of Maine Drilling & Blasting, is recognized as a leader in the industry and 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, pre-blast 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, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.



*John Capasso (L) receives the AGC Merit Award from Phil Hammond (R)*

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