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### **Maine Drilling & Blasting Introduces Progressive Micropumper™ to Industry**

**Gardiner, ME (July 11, 2007)** – Maine Drilling & Blasting, one of the nation’s best known drilling and blasting companies, is proving once again why it continues to lead the industry. With the innovative development of its proprietary Micropumper™ unit, the company is demonstrating its drive to provide the most effective service to its customers.

The decision to embark on the development of this new bulk technology came through our distribution group as an expansion of our recently successful Modular Bulk Program, which enables bulk truck service to the construction industry at great distances from the plant. Expanding upon this bulk initiative and from the realization that it was not effective to send 10,000 pound bulk trucks to small construction projects, the company sought a better answer. The solution came in the form of a mini-bulk delivery system known as a Micropumper™ that is towed by the blaster, along with primers and detonators. Believed to be the only one of its kind within North America, the Micropumper™ gives the company a leg up on its competition, as it is not available in the equipment marketplace. This smaller capacity pumper improves efficiencies, increases the ability to utilize bulk and provides greater economic value to our customers.

“Our Micropumper enables economical bulk deliveries for smaller construction projects,” says President, Bill Purington. “We currently have one prototype unit in operation and are building two more for commerce operations in July of 2007.”

Maine Drilling & Blasting operators were, at first, skeptical of the new technology, but the ease of operation has generated tremendous acceptance. The Micropumper™ has already been employed in three states with impressive success. Due to the wide-spread acceptance of this ground-breaking technology, the company anticipates a fleet size of eight to twelve Micropumpers over the next few years. Maine Drilling and Blasting’s introduction of the Micropumper™ into the industry is simply another example of the company’s commitment to effective service and its ability to operate at the top of its game.

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.