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Werner Steps Into Maine Drilling & Blasting Key Leadership Position

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Maine Drilling & Blasting is committed to being a leader, and the organization of choice in the Northeast Drilling and Blasting industry. Over the past 50 years, that has meant managing much adversity and embracing change, always with the future top of mind. MD&B now announces its most recent development, a positive progression into its third generation of leadership, with a new appointment.

Effective May 1st Daniel M. Werner, Jr., former Senior VP, assumed the title of President of the MD&B Group of companies. Moving forward, he will begin his transition into the day-to-day responsibilities as the Company's next President. Bill Purington, having handed over the reins of the presidency, remains at the head of Company executive leadership, now as Chairman & CEO.

Ongoing internal development of leaders who embody the work ethic that has made the Company so successful has enabled Maine Drilling & Blasting to continue at the forefront of the industry. Today the average age of MD&B management is ten years younger than it was ten years ago. That speaks to the Company's commitment to progress talent and transition for perpetuity. Everything goes back to hard work, honesty, and quality of service, MD&B's founding principles. Promoting people with the energy and commitment to those values has created a healthy enterprise going forward.

Bill Purington states, "As a company of 50 years and with the blood, sweat and tears of our progress, I can assure you MD&B takes the leadership of this organization seriously. And it requires someone who has and can live, breath and grow with the culture of which MD&B is so proud. Dan Werner represents that person."

Subsequent to his military training in explosives, Werner spent the last 14 years learning Maine Drilling's business from the ground up, laboring, drilling, blasting and exhibiting the Company's culture. In the past eight years he has grown as a Divisional Manager in the Western Division, then with the MD North Division, and most recently served as Regional Manager and Senior VP. Further, he has progressed through Maine Drilling's Leadership Development Program, working hard since his hire in 2002 to achieve greater opportunities within the Company.

Dan Werner's home base will be the corporate office in Gardiner Maine. Working with Bill Purington and Ted Purington, Jr., who remains the Executive VP, along with the Company's Senior Leadership team, Werner will strive to contribute greater energy and leadership toward the development of the Company's future generation, and the progression of employee ownership. "I have great confidence in our team," remarks Werner, "and am honored by the trust that management and my fellow employee-owners have put in me."

Maine Drilling & Blasting, recognized as a leader in the industry and a long-term contributor to the local communities it serves, offers drilling and blasting services to the construction and quarry markets, along with a variety of specialty services throughout the Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic 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.