

## Major Drilling Appoints Chief Operating Officer to Support Continued Growth in Operations and Technologies

**MONCTON**, New Brunswick (December 12, 2024) – Major Drilling Group International Inc. ("Major Drilling"), is pleased to announce the appointment of Ashley Martin as Chief Operating Officer ("COO") of the Company, effective immediately.

"I am happy to announce the promotion of Ashley into the newly created role of COO. This appointment is in line with our strategic focus on growth and innovation. Ashley has dedicated 30 years to the drilling industry, with the last 23 years focused on Major Drilling's success. Throughout his career, he has excelled in various leadership roles, including General Manager of Canada and, more recently, Vice President of Operations – Latin America," Mr. Denis Larocque, President & CEO of Major Drilling said.

As COO, Mr. Martin will work closely with recently appointed Chief Technology Officer ("CTO"), Marc Landry, to implement innovative operational solutions and data technologies throughout the organization, a reflection of Major Drilling's commitment to enhancing operational efficiency and continuous improvements on safety. "This new role will help support our growth initiatives in terms of integration of our latest Explomin acquisition, but also in terms of organic growth in new jurisdictions," Mr. Larocque explained. "The creation of new COO and CTO roles is aimed at reinforcing our position as the leader in the specialized drilling market and meeting the increasing demands of our valued customers, as the long-term outlook for the Company remains encouraging," said Mr. Larocque.

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Such forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that include, but are not limited to: the level of activity in the mining industry and the demand for the Company's services; competitive pressures; global and local political and economic environments and conditions; the level of funding for the Company's clients (particularly for junior mining companies); the Company's dependence on key customers; the integration of business acquisitions and the realization of the intended benefits of such acquisitions; efficient management of the Company's growth; exposure to currency movements (which can affect the Company's revenue in Canadian dollars); currency restrictions; safety of the Company's workforce; risks and uncertainties relating to climate change and natural disaster; the geographic distribution of the Company's operations; the impact of operational changes; changes in jurisdictions in which the Company operates (including changes in regulation); failure by counterparties to fulfill contractual obligations; disease outbreak; as well as other risk factors described under "General Risks and Uncertainties" in the Company's MD&A for the year ended April 30, 2024, available on the SEDAR+ website at <u>www.sedarplus.ca</u>. Should one or more risk, uncertainty, contingency, or other

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Major Drilling Group International Inc. is the world's leading provider of specialized drilling services primarily serving the mining industry. Established in 1980, Major Drilling has over 1,000 years of combined experience and expertise within its management team. The Company maintains field operations and offices in North America, South America, Australia, Asia, Africa, and Europe. Major Drilling provides a complete suite of drilling services including surface and underground coring, directional, reverse circulation, sonic, geotechnical, environmental, water-well, coal-bed methane, shallow gas, underground percussive/longhole drilling, surface drill and blast, a variety of mine services, and ongoing development of data-driven, high-tech drillside solutions.

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