



Major Drilling Appoints New Operations Officers to Support Continued Expansion in Key Growth Markets

MONCTON, New Brunswick (March 9, 2023) – Denis Larocque, Chief Executive Officer of Major Drilling Group International Inc. (“Major Drilling”), is pleased to announce the addition of two new senior operations roles at the Company, to support continued regional expansion of the business into key North American growth markets. The appointments include Barry Zerbin, who has been promoted to the position of VP Canadian Operations, and Kevin Slemko, who has been promoted to the position of VP U.S. Operations.

“I am pleased to announce the promotions of both Barry and Kevin into our new Operations Officer positions for Major Drilling’s Canadian and U.S. operations, respectively. These appointments are in line with our strategic focus on growth, and ensuring the business is appropriately built out with the right people in the right position. Our regional performance in Canada and the U.S. has led the way throughout this upturn, and we anticipate continued opportunities as market activity develops.”

“Barry Zerbin, currently our General Manager for Canadian operations, started his career with Midwest Drilling (later acquired by Major) in 1991, and has 32 years of experience in the industry with Major Drilling/Midwest. He has held various management positions in the Company leading to his present role.”

“Kevin Slemko, currently our Corporate Business Development Manager, started his career in the mining and drilling industry 32 years ago, 25 years of which were in operations working in multiple positions. He has worked on projects across the globe and has been with Major Drilling since 2014, when Major acquired Taurus Drilling Services.”

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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 political and economic environments; the level of funding for the Company’s clients (particularly for junior mining companies); the integration of business acquisitions and the realization of the intended benefits of such acquisitions; exposure to currency movements (which can affect the Company’s revenue in Canadian dollars); currency restrictions; the Company’s dependence on key customers; implications of the COVID-19 pandemic; 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; as well as other risk factors described under

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Major Drilling Group International Inc. is one of the world’s largest drilling services companies primarily serving the mining industry. Established in 1980, Major Drilling has over 1,000 years of combined experience and expertise within its management team alone. The Company maintains field operations and offices in Canada, the United States, Mexico, South America, Asia, Africa, and Australia. 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, and a variety of mine services.

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