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**MAJOR DRILLING ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF THE
OVER-ALLOTMENT OPTION IN CONNECTION WITH ITS PUBLIC OFFERING OF
COMMON SHARES**

MONCTON, New Brunswick (October 25, 2011) – Major Drilling Group International Inc. (“**Major Drilling**” or the “**Corporation**”) (TSX: MDI) is pleased to announce that it has closed the full amount of the over-allotment option (the “Over-Allotment”) granted to the syndicate of underwriters led by TD Securities Inc. and including Scotia Capital Inc., CIBC World Markets Inc., RBC Dominion Securities Inc., Beacon Securities Limited., Jennings Capital Inc. and Salman Partners Inc. (the “**Underwriters**”). Pursuant to the Over-Allotment, the Underwriters elected to purchase an additional 885,000 common shares of the Corporation at a price of \$11.90 per common share, for aggregate proceeds of \$10,531,500. The Over-Allotment option was granted to the Underwriters in connection with a previously announced offering of subscription receipts of the Corporation which were exchanged for common shares on the closing of the acquisition of Bradley Group Limited on September 30, 2011.

About Major Drilling

Based in Moncton, New Brunswick, Major Drilling is one of the world’s largest metals and minerals contract drilling service companies. To support its customers’ mining operations, mineral exploration and environmental activities, Major Drilling maintains operations in Canada, the United States, South and Central America, Australia, Asia and Africa.

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