

Major Drilling announces departure of COO

MONCTON, New Brunswick (August 11, 2016) – Major Drilling Group International Inc. (TSX: MDI) ("Major Drilling" or the "Company") announces the resignation of Mr. Denis Despres as Chief Operating Officer ("COO") of the Company in order to pursue another opportunity. Mr. Despres joined Major Drilling in 2010 and has served as the Company's COO since December 2013. The Board thanks Mr. Despres for his contributions to the Company during his tenure as COO.

The Company has no plans to fill this position and the functions that were formerly the responsibility of the COO will be assumed by the Company's senior management team.

Major Drilling Group International Inc. is one of the world's largest drilling services companies primarily serving the mining industry. To support its customers' varied exploration drilling requirements, Major Drilling maintains field operations and offices in Canada, the United States, Mexico, South America, Asia, Africa and Europe. Major Drilling provides all types 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 and a variety of drilling-related mine services.

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