



# What's New

## Passing of the Torch

This May we would like to take a moment to say thank you. After twelve years Bill Sutton has decided to pass on the galvo and enjoy a well deserved retirement. Having started with Coogar Sales & Services back in 2009, Bill has been our go-to trainer in the north as well as almost all underground mining work. He has done extensive work in the Sudbury camps bringing Nxburst cartridges into both Vale and Glencore operations. Bill was also instrumental in bringing Nxburst to some of our best distributors, Battlefield Equipment Rentals, Cooper Equipment Rentals and Ace Rentals in Parry Sound. With a strong background in both underground and construction rock removal he has always been a great resource for our customers. Accumulating a long list of varied blasting work done all over Canada and the USA, he has always been a wealth of knowledge and eager to share everything he knows. A long standing member of the International Society of Explosive Engineers (ISEE), Bill has always had a great love for the blasting industry and it's desire to improve. Despite a long list of accomplishments, his legacy will be well secured with the passing down of his knowledge to his son Curtis. As Bill's right hand man for years, we are happy to have the Sutton name continue to be involved with Coogar Sales & Services. Curtis has provided a lot of Nxburst training and we are happy to have him onboard as we look to the future. Although the





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Pandemic has been effective at keeping us apart, know that there will be a glass raised for you in familiar hands to a job well done. We wish you and your wife Madeline all the best on a well deserved retirement and have no doubts that you will be a great success in whatever challenges you take on in the future.

## Remembering a Giant



It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Ron Elliott. His contributions to the explosives industry are far and wide reaching. His 50 year career as a blaster, Technical Service Manager for Dyno Nobel, his work with Pacific Blasting prior to his consulting work will have more highlights than we can count. His experience, knowledge and contributions to the ISEE which included president of the Trillium chapter and later the international association as a whole will be felt for years to come. His strong efforts to educate and pass on his knowledge to the next generation of blasters will be missed. There are many in our industry that will talk of Ron with a great fondness for decades to come. All of us at Coogar Sales & Services would like to send our condolences to his wife and family, Chris, Gen and Bernice.

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