

Contractor Profile - GM Excavating



With a break in the weather Mike Nimijohn and the team at GM Excavating took on a beautiful building lot excavation on the height of the Niagara Escarpment. Armed with their MacLean MDA-10 and 50060 Nxburst™ cartridges, excavation has started and is progressing well. With an estimated time for the excavation allocated at three months, The builder was quite happy to see work going quickly, possibly in a third of the original estimate. When putting Nxburst™ head to head against a hydraulic hammer, the speed and cost advantages are enormous. With a cost per ton going below \$ 2.00 with Nxburst™ and above \$ 4.00 using the largest of hydraulic hammers, large projects are done faster. It makes sense when you have a small amount of rock, a little trim work to do or a small amount of oversize to break up that a hydraulic hammer would be your go to solution. The issue is that when projects and rock gets bigger, your hammer doesn't. A 12,000 Lbs. hammer may have a production rate of 25 cubic metres an hour, more rock will always equal more time. With a flexible solution like Nxburst™ production rates can easily top 40 cubic metres per hour. You would think that blasting will upset the neighbours and cause lots of red-tape, Nxburst™ however is much quieter than high-explosives, just as productive and eliminates the constant hammering. The surrounding environment will be less impacted by Nxburst™ as you can match the productivity time of the drill and blast method without the vibration and environmental concerns. With time being an asset that money cannot buy, every bit saved on a project is invaluable. If that time comes with a cost savings as well, the idea of using Nxburst™ seems a bit of a no-brainer doesn't it. If you have an upcoming project, give Mike a call and get ahead of your schedule.

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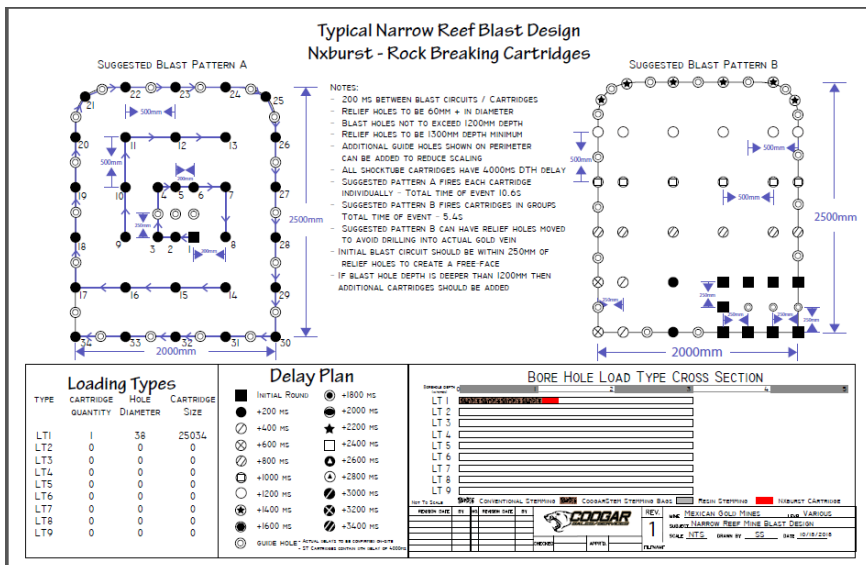


What's New

Spring is coming quick

Although the snow and ice are sure to make another appearance before the flowers come up, spring is coming quickly. Now is the time to make sure that your spring work is ready to go, make sure you have your suppliers arranged, your plan cemented. As the governments of the world attempt to kick start economies with significant infrastructure projects the next several construction seasons will be busy. As blasters ourselves Coogar Sales & Services is a valuable asset in planning your work. We have a network of blasting professionals to draw upon, both locally and around the world. There is nothing more important when blasting then planning, having a clear picture of exactly what is going to be drilled, and how the blast will develop. A proper design will allow for accurate pricing and planning ensuring the blasting contractor there will be no surprises once the work has commenced. Providing a clear and understandable design helps engineers and blaster's helpers alike to execute a job properly and efficiently. The level of professionalism a blasting contractor can display by providing designs to the job is sometimes unmatched, especially in smaller jobs. There is an added bonus to blast designs, it

provides you with a library and volume of work that can serve as a constant resource for future work, with accurate post-blast notes added to the file. It makes you and your efforts faster, accurate and more profitable. One of the biggest efforts we make at Coogar Sales & Services is to provide value and technical support to our customers, when you need help planning a blast or setting up logistics for one, we are always here to help.



Coogar Sales & Services is the proud distributor of Nxburst and the FRAGMENTOR throughout Canada, US and Mexico and has the stock to meet your demands. With our staff having a practical drill and blast experience we can guide you through even the most delicate of jobs safely and effectively helping you and your bottom line.

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