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NOBEL BOUND FOR BEST IN THE WEST DRILL & BLAST CONFERENCE

Dallas, Texas - March 11, 2009 - Nobel Insurance Services will be joining professionals from throughout the commercial explosives industry at the Best in the West Drill & Blast Conference. The 22nd annual conference is scheduled for April 22-24, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Spearfish, SD.

Show attendees are invited to visit the Nobel exhibit booth, which will feature the company's broad array of exclusive safety and training products and services.

Nobel is delighted to be a proud sponsor of this conference, which is co-hosted by the Northern Plains and Black Hills Chapters of the International Society of Explosives Engineers (ISEE). The ISEE is a professional society recognized as a world leader in providing explosives technology, education, and information, and promoting public understanding of the benefits of explosives.

This annual event brings together the local blasting industry and is a great way to stay current on local and national blasting issues. This year's agenda will feature regulatory and technical sessions as well as exhibitor booths featuring the latest in blasting technology and products.

Nobel Insurance Services is a proud member of the ISEE. A division of Lancer Insurance Company, Nobel is nationally recognized as the leading provider of casualty insurance products and services to manufacturers, distributors and transporters, as well as drilling and blasting contractors with a primary business focus within the commercial explosives marketplace. Lancer is licensed in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and is rated A- (Excellent) VIII by the A.M. Best Company, known worldwide as the benchmark for assessing insurer's financial strength.

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