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Doug's Underground Services, Inc. Acquired by MPS Group

Traverse City, MI — Doug's Underground Services, Inc., a premier directional drilling contractor based in Traverse City, Michigan, has been acquired by **MPS Group**, a national leader in infrastructure and environmental services headquartered in Farmington Hills, Michigan. The transaction closed on **June 27, 2025**.

With more than 25 years of experience in the underground utility industry, Doug's Underground Services has earned a reputation for high-quality workmanship, reliability, and strong customer relationships. Under the leadership of founder Doug Dontje, the company has built a solid financial foundation and a loyal, diversified client base—positioning it for long-term growth and success.

The acquisition was facilitated by **Equity Group of Michigan, Inc. (EGM Group)**, a Grand Rapids-based mergers and acquisitions advisory firm. EGM Group CEO **Rob Anderson** led the representation of Doug's Underground Services throughout the transaction. Legal counsel was provided by **Michael Penny**, Partner at **Miller Johnson PC** in Grand Rapids, while **Jon Sluis**, CEO of **Intrust CPAs** in Traverse City, provided CPA advisory services.

“We are thrilled to have facilitated this strategic acquisition,” said **Rob Anderson**, CEO of EGM Group. “Doug's Underground Services is a respected name in the underground utility space. Their deep industry expertise, operational consistency, and long-standing client relationships make them a natural fit for MPS Group's growing utility services platform. It was an honor working closely with Doug and Bonnie Dontje—Doug built this company from a shovel and pickup truck into a thriving enterprise.”

Anderson also noted, “EGM received interest from over 300 qualified buyers and multiple competitive offers. Doug and Bonnie ultimately selected MPS Group because their values and long-term goals were closely aligned.”

About Doug's Underground Services, Inc.

Founded in 1991, Doug's Underground Services has grown into a high-performing utility contractor with a consistent pipeline of multi-year fiber optic installation contracts and a committed workforce, many of whom have over 20 years of tenure. The company's proven resilience through economic cycles underscores its operational strength and adaptability.

This acquisition strengthens MPS Group's capabilities in utility infrastructure and expands its presence in Northern Michigan and neighboring markets. For Doug's, the transaction marks a significant milestone and the beginning of a new chapter under the MPS Group banner.

About MPS Group

MPS Group (www.mpsgrp.com), headquartered in Farmington Hills, Michigan, is a national provider of infrastructure support, environmental, and industrial services. The acquisition of Doug's Underground Services aligns with MPS Group's strategic vision to acquire market-leading companies that support its mission of delivering best-in-class service to clients nationwide.


About Equity Group of Michigan (EGM Group)


Equity Group of Michigan (www.equitygroupmi.com) is a Grand Rapids-based, independent M&A advisory firm with offices in Ann Arbor, Muskegon, and Cadillac. EGM specializes in advising privately held businesses throughout the Midwest on building value, growth strategies, and successful exit planning.

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