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**SONIC DRILLING TECHNOLOGY IS COMING TO THE UK**

May 16, 2005-Sonic Drill Corporation, Sonic Drill Systems Inc. and Sonic Drilling Ltd. are pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached with foundations specialist Roger Bullivant Limited to distribute sonic drilling equipment in the U.K.

The Sonic group of companies is based in Canada and the United States and has been working on the development of this technology for over 25 years. The group also has an agreement with a Japanese company, Toa-Tone Boring Co. Ltd., to manufacture and market equipment based on its patented technology for the Asian market.

Roger Bullivant Limited (RBL) is one of the UK's leading foundation engineering experts and employs 900 people at a network of centres across the UK. The company was founded over 30 years ago as an underpinning specialist. From there the company has grown and now offers specialist services in Piling, House Foundations, Pre-cast Concrete Products and Ground Improvement. RBL is also unique in designing and building all the company's own fleet of rigs at the Midlands headquarters in Burton-on-Trent.

Sonic drilling equipment has been used extensively for many years for environmental investigations in North America. The machines have a number of advantages in that application over conventional machinery. For example they are capable of rapidly drilling holes through any formation and providing continuous core samples. The sonic drill also allows for the easy construction of monitoring wells by building the well and grouting the hole within the protection of a cased hole after which the casing is vibrated back out of the ground in one easy operation. The sonic drill has also been used for many other as well as for other related drilling applications such as recovery wells, mineral exploration, sand and gravel exploration, earth dam investigations, geo-construction, geotechnical drilling, seismic drilling, etc.

More recently, the company's sonic drills are seeing increased use for geothermal drilling. In that application, the machines have demonstrated an outstanding ability to rapidly drill and case holes for the installation of geoloops for ground source heat pumps. One of the company's rigs was used in January of this year to install loops down to 100 meters for a building at a community centre building in Woking, Surrey.

The agreement should be completed by this summer. In the meantime, additional information can be obtained by visiting the companies web sites at [www.sonic-drill.com](http://www.sonic-drill.com) and [www.roger-bullivant.co.uk](http://www.roger-bullivant.co.uk).

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