

SEAN SALWAY

DIRECTOR & MANAGER OF DRILLING & BLASTING OPERATIONS

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

With over 20 years of professional experience in the drilling and blasting industry, Sean is a seasoned expert recognized for his leadership and technical proficiency. As the owner and operator of Valley Rock Works Inc., he has built a reputation for executing complex projects with precision and safety at the forefront.

Sean's diverse background includes blasting operations in mines, urban environments, and expansive landscapes, making him adept at handling a wide range of challenges. His commitment to safety is evident in every aspect of his work, ensuring compliance with industry regulations while maintaining efficiency and project success. Known for his ability to lead large teams, Sean excels at coordinating personnel and resources to complete large-scale, intricate projects with professionalism and expertise.

His hands-on approach, combined with strategic planning and problem-solving skills, positions him as a trusted leader in the industry. Whether managing high-stakes urban blasting or remote mining operations, Sean consistently delivers results that meet and exceed expectations.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Led a three-year development project for Elk Gold Mine, addressing key challenges related to extraction methodologies and water management.
- Designed quarry bench layouts for multiple quarry pit projects, optimizing blasting techniques to enhance efficiency and productivity.
- Developed and implemented a five-year blasting strategy for large-scale vineyard development, ensuring effective land preparation.

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS

Sea to Sky Highway - BC
Meikle Wind Farm – Tumbler Ridge BC
Gwillim Lake Wind Farm – Tumbler Ridge BC
Winter Blasting at Syncrude Mildred Lake, Syncrude Aurora, Suncor Steepbank/Millennium, Shell
Muskeg River, Shell Jackpine and Imperial Oil Kearl Mines – Fort MacMurray AB
Development of Suncor Fort Hills Mine
Eastern Alberta Transmission Line Tower Foundations
Elk Gold Mine Ore Extraction – BC
The Bluffs AT Skaha Hills 70 Lot subdivision – Penticton BC
Frind Properties Vineyard Development – Vernon BC
Kaco Pit Quarry Development – Peachland BC
Grace Estates 11 Lot Subdivision – Naramata BC

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Valley Rock Works Inc.

2020-Present

Owner & Manager of Drilling/Blasting

- Driller
- Blaster, Ministry of Mines Surface Class 1
- Coordinate daily Drilling and Blasting operations, maintain explosive magazine inventory.
- Perform Blasting duties on Mining jobs

Phoenix Ridge Quarries Ltd

2018-2019

Driller

- Blaster, Ministry of Mines Surface Blaster Class 1
- Safely operated drills including Tamrock Ranger 800, and Bucyrus R30C
- Attend all safety meetings and perform daily maintenance on drills
- Perform Blasting duties on Mining jobs

McCaw's Drilling & Blasting Ltd

2013-2018

Driller

- Safely operated drills including Pantera 1500, Traxxon EX series mounted on Cat 350 excavator, Hydra-Trac 345 and 400, Gardner Denver BV, Mini Foundation drill with DTH hammer
- Attend all safety meetings and perform daily maintenance on drills
- Assist with loading and blasting

Gridiron Drilling Services

2012-2018

Driller

- Safely operated drills including Sandvic DP1500i, Sandvic D45, D50, D75, Hydra-Trac 5000, Texoma 700 auger drill
- Attend all safety meetings and perform daily maintenance on drills
- Duties also included operating skidsteer and frontend loader, assisted with loading and blasting

Rock Construction and Mining Inc.

2011-2012

Driller

- Safely operated drills including Hydra-Trac 345, 351, and 5000
- Layout drill patterns
- Attend all safety meetings and perform daily maintenance on drills
- Assisted with loading and blasting

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

BC Ministry of Mines Surface Blaster Class 1
Transportation of Dangerous Good Certification
NRCan Approval for access to High Hazard Explosives