



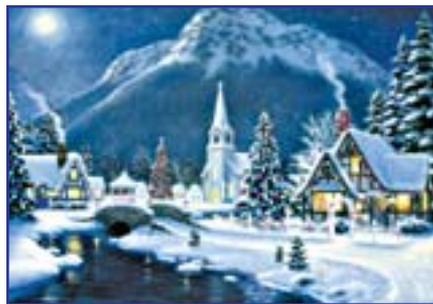
## Discovery II Arrives at Brown Drilling

Adapted from a press release provided by Brown Drilling

Brown Drilling announced the expansion of its core drilling operations with the addition of the Discovery II core drill rig to its drilling operations in Kingman, AZ. The Discovery II provides both core drilling and reverse circulation performance, providing a cost-effective solution when both reverse circulation and core drilling are required, without having to move off the hole. This combination leads to customer savings and increased productivity.



The rig is designed with state-of-the-art engineering and innovative technology making it highly competitive for use in core drilling operations. Its design allows for custom configuring to meet specific needs, such as low impact and small footprints at the jobsite to reduce the amount of reclamation required during, and at the end of a project. Brown Drilling is the first drilling



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company in the continental U.S. to operate this rig, while it is currently operated in Australia, Africa, and Alaska.

The Discovery II operates with working angle holes of 45° to 90°. It is capable of drilling HQ (3058 ft), NQ (4814 ft), and BQ (6190 ft). The drill rig is currently mounted on a 4WD truck, though it can be custom-configured to meet specific customer needs, such as skid-, track-, trailer-mounted, and even heli-portable. This drill rig can be configured for reverse circulation and, with minimum downtime (about an hour), can be reconfigured for core drilling without moving off the hole.

Brown Drilling has been in the drilling industry since 1974. They provide diamond core and exploration drilling services in Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah.

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## Coast Guard Seizes Smuggled Blasting Items

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The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) busted an attempt to smuggle explosive components from the port of Batangas to Iloilo.

The seized items included 5296 blasting caps and 2648 fuses. This could have been enough to make thousands of bombs or dynamite sticks according to Vice Admiral Wilfredo Tamayo, PCG commandant.

Members of the PCG K9 Unit and Batangas Boarding Team discovered the items on October 10 during a random check of the MV Ursula, a ship owned by Montenegro Shipping Lines. The shipment, found by a two-year-old labrador, was enclosed in a box and stored in a compartment of the passenger bus.

According to Lt. Commander Troy Cornelio, Batangas Station Commander, the shipment was supposed to be picked up by someone in Iloilo. "The shipment is unescorted and is neither covered by any permit from the Firearms and Explosives Unit nor declared as dangerous goods," Cornelio said. "Only a cell number appeared on the box, but nobody would answer the call." The boxes have been declared abandoned. Authorities are still trying to locate the owner.

Commodore Cecil Chen, Southern Tagalog district commander of the Coast Guard said, "This operation is part of our ongoing effort in instituting appropriate security measures in the port area of Batangas and vessels bound for nearby provinces."

The blasting caps and time fuses were turned over to the Firearms and Explosives Unit of the Philippine National Police.



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