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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of I          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |  |            |     |        | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |              |   |  |                         |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|------------|-----|--------|---|--------------|---|--|-------------------------|--|
| MCKEE KENT A                      |   |  | MUELLER INDUSTRIES INC [MLI]                                   |            |     |        |   |              | (Check all applicable)<br>Director10% Owner                               |  |                         |  |
| 2530 GUILFORD C                   | (First)<br>OVE                              |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/20/2004 |            |     |        |   |              | X_Officer (give title below)Other (specify below)<br>Vice President & CFO |  |                         |  |
| GERMANTOWN, T                     | (Street)                                    |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)           |            |     |        | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br>_X_Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |              |   |  |                         |  |
| (City)                            | (State)                                     | (Zip)                                      |  |            |     |        | ••••  |              |   |  |                         |  |
| ,                                 |   |  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquiration                |            |     |        |   | ies Acqui    | nred, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned                                  |  |                         |  |
| 1.Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3) |   | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any   | (Instr. 8) | ion | •      |   | of (D)       | Owned Following Reported<br>Transaction(s)                                | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form:                       | Beneficial              |  |
|                                   |   |  | (Month/Day/Year)   | Code       | v   | Amount | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price        | (Instr. 3 and 4)  | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
| Common Stock                      |   | 02/20/2004                                 |  | М          |     | 8,000  | А   | \$<br>7.2658 | 47,404  | D  |                         |  |
| Common Stock                      |   | 02/20/2004                                 |  | F          |     | 1,794  | D   | \$<br>32.40  | 45,610  | D  |                         |  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

|                           | ( <i>e.g.</i> , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                  |                                  |      |          |       |           |                  |                  |                                   |                |             |            |                  |            |
|---------------------------|---|------------------|----------------------------------|------|----------|-------|-----------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative | 2.<br>Conversion  |                  | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if |      |          |       |           |                  |                  | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying |                |             |            | 10.<br>Ownership | 11. Nature |
| Security                  |   | (Month/Day/Year) | · · · ·                          | Code | 1011     |       |           | (Month/Day/Year) |                  | Securities                        |                |             |            |                  | Beneficial |
| -                         | Price of  |                  | (Month/Day/Year)                 |      |          |       | · · ·     |                  | (Instr. 3 and 4) |                                   | -              |             | Derivative |                  |            |
| , ,                       | Derivative  |                  |                                  |      | Acquired |       | , , ,     |                  |                  | Owned                             | Security:      | (Instr. 4)  |            |                  |            |
|                           | Security  |                  |                                  |      |          | (A)   |           |                  |                  |                                   |                | Direct (D)  |            |                  |            |
|                           |   |                  |                                  |      |          |       | posed     |                  |                  |                                   |                | or Indirect |            |                  |            |
|                           |   |                  |                                  |      |          | of (l |           |                  |                  |                                   | Transaction(s) |             |            |                  |            |
|                           |   |                  |                                  |      |          | and   | tr. 3, 4, |                  |                  |                                   | (Instr. 4)     | (Instr. 4)  |            |                  |            |
|                           |   |                  |                                  |      |          | unu   | 2)        |                  |                  |                                   | • •            |             |            |                  |            |
|                           |   |                  |                                  |      |          |       |           |                  |                  |                                   | Amount<br>or   |             |            |                  |            |
|                           |   |                  |                                  |      |          |       |           |                  | Expiration       |                                   | Number         |             |            |                  |            |
|                           |   |                  |                                  |      |          |       |           | Exercisable      | Date             |                                   | of             |             |            |                  |            |
|                           |   |                  |                                  | Code | V        | (A)   | (D)       |                  |                  |                                   | Shares         |             |            |                  |            |
| Employee                  |   |                  |                                  |      |          |       |           |                  |                  |                                   |                |             |            |                  |            |
| Stock                     |   |                  |                                  |      |          |       |           |                  |                  |                                   |                |             |            |                  |            |
| Option                    | \$ 7.2658   | 02/20/2004       |                                  | М    |          |       | 8,000     | <u>(1)</u>       | 12/06/2004       | Common                            | 8,000          | \$ 0        | 0          | D                |            |
| (Right to                 | φ 1.2050  | 02/20/2001       |                                  | 141  |          |       | 0,000     |                  | 12/00/2001       | Stock                             | 0,000          | φυ          | Ŭ          | D                |            |
|                           |   |                  |                                  |      |          |       |           |                  |                  |                                   |                |             |            |                  |            |
| Buy)                      |   |                  |                                  |      |          |       |           |                  |                  |                                   |                |             |            |                  |            |

### **Reporting Owners**

|  | Relationships |              |                      |       |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|--------------|----------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Director      | 10%<br>Owner | Officer              | Other |  |  |  |  |
| MCKEE KENT A<br>2530 GUILFORD COVE<br>GERMANTOWN, TN 38139 |               |              | Vice President & CFO |       |  |  |  |  |

## Signatures

| /s Kent A. McKee              | 02/23/2004 |
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| Signature of Reporting Person | Date       |

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Exercise of 8,000 shares pursuant to 12/06/1994 grant. Exercisable as follows: 2,000 shares on 12/06/1996; 2,000 on 12/06/1997; 2,000 on 12/06/1998; 2,000 on 12/06/1999.

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