UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

Delaware

July 24, 2018

25-0790410



MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

1-6770

	(State or other	(Commission File	(IRS Employer
	jurisdiction of	Number)	Identification No.)
	incorporation)		
		urnament Drive, Suite 150	38125
		Memphis, Tennessee of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)
	(Address C	principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)
Registrar	nt's telephone number, including area code	e:	<u>(901) 753-3200</u>
Registrar	nt's Former Name or Address, if changed	since last report:	<u>N/A</u>
	e appropriate box below if the Form 8-K finstruction A.2. below):	iling is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the	ne registrant under any of the following provisions (see
	Written communications pursuant to R	tule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)	
	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14	a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)	
	Pre-commencement communications p	oursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14	d-2(b))
	Pre-commencement communications p	oursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e	e-4(c))
	by check mark whether the registrant is ar ities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 o	n emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities of this chapter).	es Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of
Emerging	g growth company		
	rging growth company, indicate by check g standards provided pursuant to Section	mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition $13(a)$ of the Exchange Act. \square	period for complying with any new of revised financial

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 24, 2018, the Registrant issued a press release announcing earnings for the quarter endedJune 30, 2018. A copy of the press release announcing the second quarter 2018 earnings is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release, dated July 24, 2018 reporting second quarter 2018 earnings.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC.

By: /s/ JEFFREY A. MARTIN

Name: Jeffrey A. Martin

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

July 24, 2018

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Description	
99.1	Press release, dated July 24, 2018.	



Mueller Industries, Inc. Reports Second Quarter 2018 Earnings

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 24, 2018 -- Mueller Industries, Inc. (NYSE: MLI) announced today second quarter operating income of \$51.9 million, compared with \$46.7 million in the same quarter of 2017, an increase of 11 percent.

Net income for the period was \$33.2 million, or 58 cents per diluted share, on \$662.8 million in net sales, compared with net income of \$27.6 million, or 48 cents per diluted share, on \$614.3 million in net sales for the same quarter of 2017.

Financial and Operating Highlights for the second quarter of 2018:

- The average price of COMEX copper was 51 cents per pound higher compared with the same period of 2017.
- Net sales were impacted by higher selling prices resulting from these higher copper prices, and were partially offset by the absence of \$41.3 million of net sales recorded in the second quarter of 2017 by MXR, a business the Company exited in June 2017.
- During the quarter, the Company generated \$62.7 million in cash from operations.

Regarding the outlook, Greg Christopher, Mueller CEO said, "Our outlook remains positive as economic conditions remain supportive of our businesses. As performance gradually improves in our Fulton and Cedar City copper tube mills, we continue to recover volume and share of market lost during our modernization efforts."

In addition, Mr. Christopher commented, "We are excited about our most recent acquisition, ATCO Flex. ATCO is an excellent addition to our Climate Products portfolio, and will contribute to our goal of becoming a more valuable resource to our HVAC and refrigeration customer base. Customer support of the acquisition has been extremely favorable."

Mueller Industries, Inc. is an industrial manufacturer that specializes in copper and copper alloy manufacturing while also producing goods made from aluminum, steel, and plastics. It is headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee and comprises a network of operations in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Great Britain, South Korea, the Middle East, and China. Its products include tubing, fittings, valves, vessels, and related items for plumbing and HVACR related piping systems, as well as rod, forgings, extrusions, and various components for OEM applications. Products are distributed into sectors such as building construction, appliance, defense, energy, and automotive.

Statements in this release that are not strictly historical may be "forward-looking" statements, which involve risks and uncertainties. These include economic and currency conditions, continued availability of raw materials and energy, market demand, pricing, competitive and technological factors, and the availability of financing, among others, as set forth in the Company's SEC filings. The words "outlook," "estimate," "project," "intend," "expect," "believe," "target," "encourage," "anticipate," "appear," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. The reader should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this report. The Company has no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect events after the date of this report.

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MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited)

	For the Quarter Ended		For the Six Months Ended					
(In thousands, except per share data)	Ju	ne 30, 2018		July 1, 2017		June 30, 2018		July 1, 2017
Net sales	\$	662,773	\$	614,266	\$	1,302,833	\$	1,192,186
Cost of goods sold		563,820		524,311		1,109,490		1,012,738
Depreciation and amortization		9,006		8,595		18,462		16,950
Selling, general, and administrative expense		38,428		36,299		72,485		71,873
(Gain) loss on sale of assets		(409)		(1,631)		3,060		(1,631)
Operating income		51,928		46,692		99,336		92,256
Interest expense		(6,073)		(6,442)		(11,982)		(8,973)
Other income, net		586		342		1,146		936
Income before income taxes		46,441		40,592		88,500		84,219
Income tax expense		(12,411)		(12,650)		(19,806)		(24,579)
Loss from unconsolidated affiliates, net of foreign tax		(148)		(109)		(10,468)		(1,352)
Consolidated net income		33,882		27,833		58,226		58,288
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		(700)		(200)		(916)		(668)
Net income attributable to Mueller Industries, Inc.	\$	33,182	\$	27,633	\$	57,310	\$	57,620
Weighted average shares for basic earnings per share		56,797		56,906		56,848		56,843
Effect of dilutive stock-based awards		514	_	511		516		585
Adjusted weighted average shares for diluted earnings per share		57,311		57,417		57,364		57,428
Basic earnings per share	\$	0.58	\$	0.49	\$	1.01	\$	1.01
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.58	\$	0.48	\$	1.00	\$	1.00
Dividends per share	\$	0.100	\$	0.100	\$	0.200	\$	8.200
Summary Segment Data:								
Net sales:								
Piping Systems Segment	\$	453,183	\$	422,844	\$	884,147	\$	821,619
Industrial Metals Segment		175,891		154,504		353,223		304,341
Climate Segment		39,172		36,636		75,235		70,915
Elimination of intersegment sales		(5,473)		282	_	(9,772)		(4,689)
Net sales	\$	662,773	\$	614,266	\$	1,302,833	\$	1,192,186
Operating income:								
Piping Systems Segment	\$	42,019	\$	34,792	\$	74,968	\$	65,382
Industrial Metals Segment		16,093		16,389		38,726		36,736
Climate Segment		5,347		6,116		10,894		11,726
Unallocated expenses		(11,531)		(10,605)		(25,252)		(21,588)
Operating income	\$	51,928	\$	46,692	\$	99,336	\$	92,256
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MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

(In thousands)	June 30, 2018			December 30, 2017		
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	281,445	\$	120,269		
Accounts receivable, net		333,903		244,795		
Inventories		294,540		327,901		
Other current assets		27,625		46,150		
Total current assets		937,513		739,115		
Property, plant, and equipment, net		284,836		304,321		
Other assets		274,035		276,737		
	\$	1,496,384	\$	1,320,173		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Current portion of debt	\$	59,952	\$	16,480		
Accounts payable		112,090		102,503		
Other current liabilities		101,432		123,269		
Total current liabilities		273,474		242,252		
Long-term debt		558,534		448,592		
Pension and postretirement liabilities		26,999		28,713		
Environmental reserves		22,984		23,699		
Deferred income taxes		19,650		19,403		
Other noncurrent liabilities		22,654		21,486		
Total liabilities		924,295		784,145		
Total Mueller Industries, Inc. stockholders' equity		557,701		522,111		
Noncontrolling interests		14,388		13,917		
Total equity		572,089		536,028		
	\$	1,496,384	\$	1,320,173		

MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

		For the Six N	Months E	onths Ended	
(In thousands)	Ju	ne 30, 2018	Ju	ıly 1, 2017	
Cash flows from operating activities					
Consolidated net income	\$	58,226	\$	58,288	
Reconciliation of consolidated net income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization		18,622		17,093	
Stock-based compensation expense		3,906		3,692	
Loss from unconsolidated affiliates		10,468		1,352	
Gain on sale of business		_		(1,631)	
Loss on disposals of properties		2,646		81	
Gain on sales of securities		_		(611)	
Impairment charge		_		411	
Deferred income taxes		(1,260)		3	
Changes in assets and liabilities:					
Receivables		(90,345)		(47,108)	
Inventories		33,357		(10,874)	
Other assets		12,405		(4,723)	
Current liabilities		(11,566)		(1,262)	
Other liabilities		(1,361)		(1,086)	
Other, net		1,121		(1,078)	
Net cash provided by operating activities		36,219	'	12,547	
Cash flows from investing activities					
Capital expenditures		(10,882)		(11,908)	
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired		(12,467)		(18,419)	
Proceeds from sale of business, net of cash sold		_		17,483	
Investment in unconsolidated affiliates		(609)		(1,617)	
Proceeds from sales of properties		11,376		1,363	
Proceeds from sales of securities		_		1,787	
Net cash used in investing activities		(12,582)		(11,311)	
Cash flows from financing activities					
Dividends paid to stockholders of Mueller Industries, Inc.					
		(11,360)		(185,539)	
Repurchase of common stock		(6,575)		_	
Issuance of long-term debt		193,247		_	
Repayments of long-term debt		(37,107)		(611)	
Repayment of debt by consolidated joint ventures, net		(3,100)		(3,320)	
Net cash received (used) to settle stock-based awards		103		(785)	
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests		(592)		(2,909)	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		134,616		(193,164)	
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		(368)		3,516	
Increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash		157,885		(188,412)	
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at the beginning of the period		126,563		360,469	
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at the end of the period	\$	284,448	\$	172,057	