
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):

February 1, 2022



MUELLER INDUSTRIES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-6770
(Commission File
Number)

25-0790410
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

150 Schilling Boulevard
Collierville

(Address of principal executive offices)

Suite 100
Tennessee

38017
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(901) 753-3200

Registrant's Former Name or Address, if changed since last report:

N/A

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class
Common Stock

Trading Symbol
MLI

Name of exchange on which registered
NYSE

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 1, 2022, the Registrant issued a press release announcing earnings for the quarter and year ended December 25, 2021. A copy of the press release announcing the fourth quarter and fiscal 2021 earnings is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1	Press release dated February 1, 2022 reporting fourth quarter and fiscal 2021 earnings.
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, 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
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Date: February 1, 2022

Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release dated, February 1, 2022



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Mueller Industries, Inc. Reports Fiscal 2021 Fourth Quarter and Full Year Results

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn., February 1, 2022 -- Mueller Industries, Inc. (NYSE: MLI) today reported 2021 fourth quarter and full year results.

Fourth Quarter metrics:

- Operating income was \$172.1 million, up 165%.
- Net sales were \$956.4 million, up 42%.
- Net income was \$125.6 million versus \$36.4 million.
- Diluted EPS was \$2.21 versus \$0.64.
- Cash provided by operations was \$130.2 million.

Full Year metrics:

- Operating income was \$655.8 million, up 167%.
- Net sales were \$3.8 billion, up 57%.
- Net income was \$468.5 million versus \$139.5 million.
- Diluted EPS was \$8.25 versus \$2.47.
- Cash provided by operations was \$311.7 million.

**Comparisons to prior year periods*

Quarter Commentary

- The average price of copper was 34.3 percent higher than in the fourth quarter of 2020.
- Net sales growth was driven by volume growth in our US businesses, higher prices primarily attributable to the rise in COMEX copper, and the contributions of our recently acquired H&C Flex business, which is recorded under our Climate segment.
- The Company recorded a loss of \$1.8 million on its investment in Tecumseh during the quarter, compared to income of \$10.0 million in the previous year quarter, which included a pre-tax gain of \$11.6 million from a land sale.
- During the quarter we acquired the majority ownership of the Mueller Middle East copper tube mill in Bahrain. This mill is geographically well positioned to serve markets in the Middle East and Northern Africa.

Full Year Commentary

- The results included \$57.8 million of gains from the sale of businesses.
- The average price of copper was 51.6 percent higher than in 2020.
- Net sales growth of \$1.4 billion was driven by volume growth in almost every business, higher selling prices primarily resulting from the rise in COMEX copper, and full year reported sales of acquired businesses.

- During the year, \$330.7 million of debt was repaid leaving a balance of \$1.9 million at year-end. The Company's \$400.0 million credit facility is undrawn and cash and cash equivalents totaled \$87.9 million.

Operating Highlights and Outlook:

Greg Christopher, CEO, commented, "Our exceptional results in the fourth quarter capped our second consecutive year of record earnings. The strength our businesses exhibited throughout the year was fueled by solid demand and outstanding operational execution by our team in the face of significant inflationary pressures, supply chain disruptions, and extensive labor shortages."

With regard to the outlook, he added "We anticipate continued momentum in the building construction and industrial markets in 2022, both important end markets for our businesses. Mueller is well positioned to build upon its success as we start the new year with healthy order books and our manufacturing facilities operating at highly efficient levels."

Mueller Industries, Inc. (NYSE: MLI) is an industrial corporation whose holdings manufacture vital goods for important markets such as air, water, oil and gas distribution; climate comfort; food preservation; energy transmission; medical; aerospace and automotive. It includes a network of companies and brands throughout North America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

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)

(In thousands, except per share data)

	For the Quarter Ended		For the Year Ended	
	December 25, 2021	December 26, 2020	December 25, 2021	December 26, 2020
Net sales	\$ 956,357	\$ 675,851	\$ 3,769,345	\$ 2,398,043
Cost of goods sold	726,594	553,507	2,938,989	1,966,161
Depreciation and amortization	11,633	11,955	45,390	44,843
Selling, general, and administrative expense	48,729	44,649	184,052	159,483
Gain on sale of businesses	(3,001)	—	(57,760)	—
Litigation settlement, net	—	—	—	(22,053)
Impairment charges	261	736	2,829	3,771
Operating income	172,141	65,004	655,845	245,838
Interest expense	(258)	(4,010)	(7,709)	(19,247)
Environmental expense	(982)	(3,488)	(5,053)	(4,454)
Redemption premium	—	—	(5,674)	—
Pension plan termination expense	—	(17,835)	—	(17,835)
Other income, net	947	287	3,730	4,887
Income before income taxes	171,848	39,958	641,139	209,189
Income tax expense	(44,862)	(12,698)	(165,858)	(55,321)
(Loss) income from unconsolidated affiliates, net of foreign tax	(288)	9,994	(157)	(10,219)
Consolidated net income	126,698	37,254	475,124	143,649
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(1,097)	(834)	(6,604)	(4,156)
Net income attributable to Mueller Industries, Inc.	<u>\$ 125,601</u>	<u>\$ 36,420</u>	<u>\$ 468,520</u>	<u>\$ 139,493</u>
Weighted average shares for basic earnings per share	56,104	55,869	56,011	55,821
Effect of dilutive stock-based awards	796	673	787	569
Adjusted weighted average shares for diluted earnings per share	56,900	56,542	56,798	56,390
Basic earnings per share	<u>\$ 2.24</u>	<u>\$ 0.65</u>	<u>\$ 8.36</u>	<u>\$ 2.50</u>
Diluted earnings per share	<u>\$ 2.21</u>	<u>\$ 0.64</u>	<u>\$ 8.25</u>	<u>\$ 2.47</u>
Dividends per share	<u>\$ 0.13</u>	<u>\$ 0.10</u>	<u>\$ 0.52</u>	<u>\$ 0.40</u>

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

<i>(In thousands)</i>	For the Quarter Ended		For the Year Ended	
	December 25, 2021	December 26, 2020	December 25, 2021	December 26, 2020
Summary Segment Data:				
Net sales:				
Piping Systems Segment	\$ 652,466	\$ 454,535	\$ 2,600,030	\$ 1,583,002
Industrial Metals Segment	176,226	133,507	703,363	472,159
Climate Segment	130,428	93,148	495,414	370,131
Elimination of intersegment sales	(2,763)	(5,339)	(29,462)	(27,249)
Net sales	<u>\$ 956,357</u>	<u>\$ 675,851</u>	<u>\$ 3,769,345</u>	<u>\$ 2,398,043</u>
Operating income:				
Piping Systems Segment	\$ 142,482	\$ 43,106	\$ 486,287	\$ 165,719
Industrial Metals Segment	27,077	15,662	85,475	54,065
Climate Segment	21,757	13,279	85,536	56,802
Unallocated expenses	(19,175)	(7,043)	(1,453)	(30,748)
Operating income	<u>\$ 172,141</u>	<u>\$ 65,004</u>	<u>\$ 655,845</u>	<u>\$ 245,838</u>

MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)

(In thousands)

	<u>December 25, 2021</u>	<u>December 26, 2020</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 87,924	\$ 119,075
Accounts receivable, net	471,859	357,532
Inventories	430,244	315,002
Other current assets	<u>28,976</u>	<u>33,752</u>
Total current assets	1,019,003	825,361
Property, plant, and equipment, net	385,562	376,572
Operating lease right-of-use assets	23,510	29,301
Other assets	<u>300,861</u>	<u>297,334</u>
	<u>\$ 1,728,936</u>	<u>\$ 1,528,568</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current portion of debt	\$ 811	\$ 41,283
Accounts payable	180,793	147,741
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	6,015	6,259
Other current liabilities	<u>194,820</u>	<u>144,360</u>
Total current liabilities	382,439	339,643
Long-term debt	1,064	286,593
Pension and postretirement liabilities	17,533	26,841
Environmental reserves	17,678	21,256
Deferred income taxes	14,347	16,842
Noncurrent operating lease liabilities	17,099	21,602
Other noncurrent liabilities	<u>21,813</u>	<u>14,731</u>
Total liabilities	<u>471,973</u>	<u>727,508</u>
Total Mueller Industries, Inc. stockholders' equity	1,222,118	776,745
Noncontrolling interests	<u>34,845</u>	<u>24,315</u>
Total equity	<u>1,256,963</u>	<u>801,060</u>
	<u>\$ 1,728,936</u>	<u>\$ 1,528,568</u>

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

(In thousands)

	For the Year Ended	
	December 25, 2021	December 26, 2020
Cash flows from operating activities		
Consolidated net income	\$ 475,124	\$ 143,649
Reconciliation of consolidated net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	45,655	45,162
Stock-based compensation expense	9,822	8,570
Provision for doubtful accounts receivable	1,216	1,208
Loss from unconsolidated affiliates	157	10,219
Non-cash pension plan termination expense	—	11,642
Gain on sale of businesses	(57,760)	—
(Gain) loss on disposals of assets	(769)	132
Redemption premium	5,674	—
Impairment charges	2,829	3,771
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)	7,413	(4,046)
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects of businesses acquired and sold:		
Receivables	(124,708)	(76,404)
Inventories	(119,514)	5,207
Other assets	919	20,609
Current liabilities	73,755	74,097
Other liabilities	(5,467)	(1,142)
Other, net	(2,645)	2,399
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>311,701</u>	<u>245,073</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from sale of assets, net of cash transferred	2,302	181
Proceeds from sale of business, net of cash sold	81,884	—
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	(30,206)	(72,648)
Capital expenditures	(31,833)	(43,885)
Payment received for (issuance of) notes receivable	8,539	(9,270)
Investments in unconsolidated affiliates	(1,613)	—
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>29,073</u>	<u>(125,622)</u>

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

	For the Year Ended	
	December 25, 2021	December 26, 2020
<i>(In thousands)</i>		
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid to stockholders of Mueller Industries, Inc.	(29,137)	(22,341)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	(9,722)	—
Issuance of long-term debt	595,000	190,038
Repayments of long-term debt	(920,610)	(246,898)
Repayment of debt by consolidated joint ventures, net	(5,113)	(259)
Repurchase of common stock	(4,864)	(5,574)
Payment of contingent consideration	(1,250)	(7,000)
Net cash received (used) to settle stock-based awards	85	(230)
Debt issuance costs	(1,111)	—
Net cash used in financing activities	(376,722)	(92,264)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(1,052)	2,147
(Decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	(37,000)	29,334
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at the beginning of the year	127,376	98,042
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at the end of the year	<u>\$ 90,376</u>	<u>\$ 127,376</u>