

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

February 17, 2004
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File Number 1-6770

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or
organization)

25-0790410
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

8285 Tournament Drive, Suite 150
Memphis, Tennessee 38125
(Address of principal executive offices)
(Zip Code)

(901) 753-3200
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 17, 2004, Mueller Industries, Inc. issued a press release announcing declaration of dividend. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated February 17, 2004 announcing dividend.

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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, on February, 17, 2004.

MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC.

/S/ KENT A. MCKEE

Kent A. McKee
Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
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99.1	Press Release dated February 17, 2004

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Mueller Industries, Inc. Declares First Dividend

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 17 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Mueller Industries, Inc. (NYSE: MLI), announced today that its Board of Directors has declared a regular quarterly dividend of 10 cents per share on its common stock. The dividend will be payable March 15, 2004, to shareholders of record on March 1, 2004.

Harvey L. Karp, Chairman of Mueller Industries, Inc. said, "We are pleased to announce our first cash distribution to shareholders. By initiating a regular dividend, our Board has expressed its confidence in the Company's future direction and financial strength. Our earnings and strong balance sheet enable us to provide this cash dividend and allow us to continue to seek opportunities to deliver long-term value to our shareholders."

Mueller Industries, Inc. is a leading manufacturer of copper tube and fittings; brass and copper alloy rod, bar and shapes; aluminum and brass forgings; aluminum and copper impact extrusions; plastic fittings and valves; refrigeration valves and fittings; and fabricated tubular products. Mueller's operations are located throughout the United States and in Canada, Mexico, and Great Britain.

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, market demand, pricing, and competitive and technological factors, among others, as set forth in the company's SEC filings.

SOURCE Mueller Industries, Inc.

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