

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): September 28, 2004  
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MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC.  
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(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.)
8285 Tournament Drive Suite 150 Memphis, Tennessee ----- (Address of principal executive offices)		38125 ----- Zip Code

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (901) 753-3200  
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Registrant's Former Name or Address, if changed since last report: N/A  
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01. Other Events

On September 28, 2004 the Registrant issued a press release announcing that the special dividend on its common stock will be payable October 26, 2004, to stockholders of record on October 12, 2004. The special dividend will consist of \$6.50 in cash and \$8.50 in principal amount of the Company's 6 percent Subordinated Debentures due 2014 for each share of common stock (less any applicable withholding tax). A copy of the press release announcing the payment and record dates is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release, dated September 28, 2004.

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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 September 28, 2004.

MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC.

By: /s/ Kent A. McKee

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Name: Kent A. McKee  
Title: Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.      Description  
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99.1      Press release, dated September 28, 2004.

Mueller Industries, Inc. Announces Payment and Record Dates for Special Dividend

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 28 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Mueller Industries, Inc. (NYSE: MLI), announced today that the special dividend on its common stock will be payable October 26, 2004, to stockholders of record on October 12, 2004. The special dividend will consist of \$6.50 in cash and \$8.50 in principal amount of the Company's 6% Subordinated Debentures due 2014 for each share of common stock (less any applicable withholding tax).

The Debentures will be subordinated to all other funded debt of the Company and will be callable in whole or in part at the option of the Company, subject to declining call premiums during the first five years. Interest will be payable semiannually on May 1 and November 1, commencing May 1, 2005.

Due to the magnitude of the special dividend, the ex-dividend date will be October 27, 2004 as required by New York Stock Exchange guidelines. Accordingly, holders of common stock who sell their shares through the payment date, also will be selling their right to receive the special dividend. Investors are encouraged to consult with their financial and tax advisors regarding the specific implications of the deferral of the ex-dividend date.

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, continued availability of raw materials, market demand, pricing, competitive and technological factors, and the availability of financing, among others, as set forth in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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