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

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|---|----------|--|--|------------|-------------|---|---|-----------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup><br>KARP HARVEY L |          |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>MUELLER INDUSTRIES INC [MLI]      |            |             |   |   |                             | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>X Director 10% Owner     |  |   |  |
| (Last)<br>PO BOX 30   | (First)  | (Middle)                                   | 3. Date of Earliest T<br>03/01/2004  | ransaction | (Mon        | th/Day/Ye   | ear)  | Officer (give title below)O | ther (specify bel  | .ow)                                   |   |  |
|   | (Street) | 4. If Amendment, D                         | ate Origina  | l Fileo    | d(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 |                             |  |  |   |  |
| EAST HAMPTON  |          | (71.)                                      |  |            |             |   |   |                             |  | -                                      |   |  |
| (City)  | (State)  | (Zip)                                      | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |            |             |   |   |                             |  |  |   |  |
| 1.Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                     |          | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year)                      | (Instr. 8) |             | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |   |                             | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially<br>Owned Following Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |
|   |          |  |  | Code       | v           | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price                       |  | or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4)       |   |  |
| Common Stock  |          | 03/01/2004                                 |  | F          |             | 17,843  | D   | \$<br>32.39                 | 96,157   | D                                      |   |  |
| Common Stock  |          | 03/01/2004                                 |  | S          |             | 1,100   | D   | \$<br>32.31                 | 95,057   | D                                      |   |  |
| Common Stock  |          | 03/01/2004                                 |  | S          |             | 3,500   | D   | \$<br>32.32                 | 91,557   | D                                      |   |  |
| Common Stock  |          | 03/01/2004                                 |  | S          |             | 600   | D   | \$<br>32.33                 | 90,957   | D                                      |   |  |
| Common Stock  |          | 03/01/2004                                 |  | S          |             | 100   | D   | \$<br>32.34                 | 90,857   | D                                      |   |  |
| Common Stock  |          | 03/01/2004                                 |  | S          |             | 200   | D   | \$<br>32.35                 | 90,657   | D                                      |   |  |
| Common Stock  |          | 03/01/2004                                 |  | S          |             | 500   | D   | \$<br>32.36                 | 90,157   | D                                      |   |  |
| Common Stock  |          | 03/01/2004                                 |  | S          |             | 10,000  | D   | \$<br>32.38                 | 80,157   | D                                      |   |  |
| Common Stock  |          | 03/01/2004                                 |  | S          |             | 400   | D   | \$<br>32.4                  | 79,757   | D                                      |   |  |
| Common Stock  |          | 03/01/2004                                 |  | S          |             | 300   | D   | \$<br>32.46                 | 79,457   | D                                      |   |  |
| Common Stock  |          | 03/01/2004                                 |  | S          |             | 6,000   | D   | \$<br>32.5                  | 73,457   | D                                      |   |  |
| Common Stock  |          | 03/01/2004                                 |  | S          |             | 900   | D   | \$<br>32.52                 | 72,557   | D                                      |   |  |
| Common Stock  |          | 03/01/2004                                 |  | S          |             | 1,000   | D   | \$<br>32.53                 | 71,557   | D                                      |   |  |
| Common Stock  |          | 03/01/2004                                 |  | S          |             | 400   | D   | \$<br>32.55                 | 71,157   | 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 alle shla i

|             | (e.g., puts, cans, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                  |                    |             |               |                         |                     |             |                |             |             |
|-------------|---|------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Title of | 2.  | 3. Transaction   | 3A. Deemed         | 4.          | 5. Number     | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and Amount | 8. Price of | 9. Number of   | 10.         | 11. Nature  |
| Derivative  | Conversion  | Date             | Execution Date, if | Transaction | of Derivative | Expiration Date         | of Underlying       | Derivative  | Derivative     | Ownership   | of Indirect |
| Security    | or Exercise   | (Month/Day/Year) | any                | Code        | Securities    | (Month/Day/Year)        | Securities          | Security    | Securities     | Form of     | Beneficial  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of  |                  | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8)  | Acquired (A)  |                         | (Instr. 3 and 4)    | (Instr. 5)  | Beneficially   | Derivative  | Ownership   |
|             | Derivative  |                  |                    |             | or Disposed   |                         |                     |             | Owned          | Security:   | (Instr. 4)  |
|             | Security  |                  |                    |             | of (D)        |                         |                     |             | Following      | Direct (D)  |             |
|             |   |                  |                    |             | (Instr. 3, 4, |                         |                     |             | Reported       | or Indirect |             |
|             |   |                  |                    |             | and 5)        |                         |                     |             | Transaction(s) | (I)         |             |
|             |   |                  |                    |             | l             |                         |                     |             | (Instr. 4)     | (Instr. 4)  |             |
|             |   |                  |                    |             |               |                         |                     |             |                |             |             |
|             |   |                  |                    |             |               |                         |                     |             |                |             |             |

|  |            | Code | v | (A) |        | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |              |           |   |  |
|--|------------|------|---|-----|--------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|--------------|-----------|---|--|
| Options<br>to<br>Purchase<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/01/2004 | М    |   |     | 55,000 | 10/01/1991          | (1)                | Common<br>Stock | 55,000                                 | \$<br>2.0625 | 1,500,000 | D |  |

# **Reporting Owners**

|  | Relationships |              |         |       |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address                       | Director      | 10%<br>Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| KARP HARVEY L<br>PO BOX 30<br>EAST HAMPTON, NY 11937 | Х             |              |         |       |  |  |  |

## Signatures

| /s/ Harvey L. Karp              | 03/02/2004 |  |
|---------------------------------|------------|--|
| **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).
- Exercisable until one year after termination of Mr. Karp's employment with the Issuer under Mr. Karp's employment agreement with the Issuer (the "Karp Employment Agreement"),(1) unless Mr. Karp's employment is terminated for Cause (as defined in the Karp Employment Agreement), in which case the option shall only remain exercisable for a period of 30 days following Mr. Karp's receipt of written notice from the Issuer specifying the basis for Cause.

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