

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): December 12, 2005

MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-6770	25-0790410
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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

Item 8.01. Other Events

On December 12, 2005 the Registrant issued a press release announcing its establishment of a joint venture to manufacture copper tube in China. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release, dated December 12, 2005.

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SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: December 12, 2005

By: /s/ Richard W. Corman

Name: Richard W. Corman  
Title: Vice President - Controller

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Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release, dated December 12, 2005.



MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC. ESTABLISHES JOINT VENTURE TO MANUFACTURE COPPER TUBE  
IN CHINA

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 12 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Mueller Industries, Inc. (NYSE: MLI), announced today that it has acquired a 50.5 percent joint venture interest in China to manufacture copper tube, primarily to serve the Chinese domestic OEM air conditioning market as well as complement the Company's U.S. product line. The joint venture will produce inner groove and smooth tube in level-wound coils, pancake coils, and straight lengths, and is located in Jintan City, Jiangsu Province, China. The joint venture is expected to produce approximately 80 million pounds of product in 2006 and approximately 110 million pounds of product by 2007.

Mr. William D. O'Hagan, CEO of Mueller Industries, Inc., stated that, "Mueller's entry into China constitutes an outstanding opportunity to expand and extend Mueller's markets, which already include North America and Europe."

Mueller will initially invest cash of approximately \$19.4 million and its Chinese venture partners will invest approximately the same amount in machinery, equipment and other assets. The Chinese venture partners are Jiangsu Xingrong Hi-Tech Company, Ltd. and Jiangsu Baiyang Industries Ltd. The joint venture will be named Jiangsu Mueller-Xingrong Copper Industries Ltd.

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 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 "estimate," "project," "intend," "expect," "believe," "target," 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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