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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal quarter ended July 1, 1995 Commissions file number 1-569

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

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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

2959 N. ROCK ROAD WICHITA, KANSAS 67226-1191 (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (316) 636-6300 Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Common Stock, \$ 0.01 Par Value

Name of each exchange on which registered

New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by a check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes /X/ No / /

The number of shares of the Registrant's common stock outstanding as of July 14, 1995 was 8,644,732.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Sections 12, 13, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court. Yes /X/ No / /

MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC.

FORM 10-Q

For the Period Ended July 1, 1995

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION Item 1. Financial Statements <TABLE> MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited) (In thousands, except per share data) <CAPTION>

<s> Net sales</s>	<c></c>	1994 <c> \$136,576</c>	1995 <c> \$353,150</c>	<c></c>
Cost of goods sold	149,587	112,445	290,147	
Gross profit		24,131		
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization Selling, general, and	3,763	3,175	7,409	
administrative expense	12,409	11,226	25,376	21,914
Operating income		9,730		17,369
Interest expense Environmental reserves	_	_	(2,511)	(112)
Unusual items Other income, net	- 1,102		2,575	(1,406) 3,543
Income before income taxes		9,135		15,782
Current income tax expense Deferred income tax expense		(1,528) (1,829)		(3,705)
Total income tax expense	(4,926)	(3,357)		(5,822)
Net income		\$ 5,778 	\$ 20,713 	\$ 9,960
Net income per share:				
Primary: Average shares outstanding Net income	\$ 1.12	10,176 \$.57	\$ 2.18	
Fully diluted: Average shares outstanding Net income	\$ 1.11	10,176 \$.57	9,614 \$ 2.15	

<FN> See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements. </TABLE> <TABLE> MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited) (In thousands) <CAPTION> July 1, 1995 December 31, 1994 <S> <C> <C> Assets Current assets: \$ 19,521 \$ 34,492 Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$3,360 in 1995 and \$3,336 in 1994 99,308 66**,**925 Inventories: Raw materials and supplies 13,152 20,043 Work-in-process 18,251 15,448 Finished goods 44,744 36,074 _____ _____ Total inventories 73,344 74,368 4,491 3,275 4,455 5,472 Current deferred income taxes Other current assets _____ _____ Total current assets 202,100 183,551 Property, plant and equipment, net 212,963 196,772 22,882 23,797 26,635 Deferred income taxes Other assets ----------\$ 454,033 \$ 430,755 _____ _____

<fn> See accompanying notes to consolidated fina </fn>
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MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)
(In thousands, except share data)
		~~-	December 31, 1994	~~
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity				
Current liabilities: Current portion of long-term debt \$ Accounts payable Accrued wages and other employee costs Current deferred income taxes Other current liabilities	29,329	\$ 18,611 21,607 13,105 366 13,532		
Total current liabilities	79,243	67,221		
Long-term debt Pension and post retirement liabilities Environmental reserves Deferred income taxes Other noncurrent liabilities	69,151 19,084 9,862 2,969 12,800	76,125 18,445 11,178 3,016 12,822		
Total liabilities	193,109	188,807		
``` Stockholders' equity: Preferred stock-shares authorized 4,985,000; none outstanding Series A junior participating preferred stock-$1.00 par value; shares authorized 15,000; none outstanding ```	-	-		
Common stock - \$.01 par value; shares authorized 20,000,000; issued 10,000,000; outstanding 8,644,232 in 1995 and 8,698,977 in 1994	100	100		
Paid-in capital, common	254,044	254,251		
Retained earnings (Since January 1, 1991) Cumulative translation adjustment Treasury common stock, at cost	42,700 (2,612) (33,308)	21,987 (2,832) (31,558)		
Total stockholders' equity	260,924	241,948		
Commitments and contingencies (Note 2)  $$\$	454,033	\$ 430,755		

<FN> See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements. </TABLE> <TABLE> MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

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	For the Six-Months End	
	July 1, 1995	June 25, 1994
<\$>	<c></c>	<c></c>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	\$ 20,713	\$ 9,960
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net	, .	
cash provided by operating activities:		
Provision for unusual items	_	1,406
Depreciation, depletion, and		1,400
amortization of intangibles	7,409	5,875
Provision for doubtful accounts receivable		114
Deferred income taxes	882	3,705
Gain on disposal of properties	(584)	(1,893)
Changes in assets and liabilities:	(20, 202)	(0.075)
Receivables	(32,383)	(9,275)
Inventories	1,024	(1,766)
Other assets	(2,320)	(1,798)
Current liabilities	12,676	11,596
Other liabilities	(699)	(1,787)
Other, net	138	(405)
Net cash provided by operating activities	6,856	15,732
Cash flows from investing activities		
Capital expenditures	(23,682)	(10,895)
Proceeds from sales of properties	834	2,884
Escrowed IRB financing	10,484	(16,375)
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Net cash used by investing activities	(12,364)	(24,386)
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Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayments of long-term debt	(7,506)	(4,287)
Proceeds from sale of treasury stock	98	148
Acquisition of treasury stock	(2,055)	(25,897)
Issuance of long-term debt	(2,000)	20,000
issuance of fong term debt		20,000
Net cash used by financing activities	(9,463)	(10,036)
Net cash used by inhalicing activities	(5,405)	(10,050)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(14,971)	(18,690)
Cash and cash equivalents at the	(14, 5/1)	(10,090)
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beginning of the period	34,492	77,336
Cash and sach annian lants at the		
Cash and cash equivalents at the	A 10 F01	
end of the period	\$ 19,521	\$ 58,646

<FN> See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements. </TABLE> MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

## General

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted. Results of operations for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of results which may be expected for any other interim period or for the year as a whole. This quarterly report on Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, including the annual financial statements incorporated therein by reference.

The accompanying unaudited interim financial statements include all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to a fair statement of the results for the interim periods presented.

# Note 1 - Earnings Per Common Share

Primary earnings per common share are based upon the weighted average number of common and common equivalent shares outstanding during the period. Fully diluted earnings per share are based upon the weighted average number of common shares outstanding plus the dilutive effects of all outstanding stock options. The Company is subject to normal environmental standards imposed by federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations. Management believes that the outcome of pending environmental matters will not materially affect the overall financial position of the Company.

In addition, the Company is involved in certain litigation as either plaintiff or defendant as a result of claims that arise in the ordinary course of business which management believes will not have a material effect on the Company's financial condition.

#### Purchase Commitments

The Company has committed to capital expenditures for the following projects: (i) approximately \$20.0 million to modernize the copper tube mill in Fulton, Mississippi; (ii) approximately \$16.0 million to modernize the brass rod mill in Port Huron, Michigan; and (iii) approximately \$22.0 million to construct a new high-volume copper fitting facility adjacent to the Company's copper tube mill in Fulton, Mississippi. As of July 1, 1995, expenditures of \$43.8 million have been incurred of which \$33.6 million was funded with proceeds of the 1993 and 1994 Series IRBs. At July 1, 1995, \$5.6 million of the IRB proceeds remain escrowed, until required for funding the projects, and are classified as other assets. These approved major projects should become fully operational in 1995. No other material purchase commitments for capital expenditures exist.

#### Forward Contracts

During the first quarter of 1995, the Company entered into a forward contract to deliver approximately 15,000 ounces of gold on July 6, 1995 at a price of \$381 per ounce. At July 1, 1995, there were no other open hedge transactions.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

# General Overview

The Company's principal business is the manufacture and sale of copper tube, brass rod, fittings and other products made of copper, brass, bronze, plastic and aluminum. These core manufacturing businesses have been in operation for over 75 years. New housing starts and commercial construction are important determinants of the Company's sales to the air-conditioning, refrigeration and plumbing markets because the principal end use of a significant portion of the Company's products is in the construction of single and multi-family housing units and commercial buildings.

Profitability of certain of the Company's product lines is dependent upon the "spreads" between the cost of metal and the gross selling prices of its completed products. The open market price for copper cathode, for example, directly influences the selling price of copper tubing, a principal product manufactured by the Company. The Company attempts to minimize the effects of changes in copper prices by passing base metal costs through to its customers.

In 1994, the Company adopted the LIFO method of accounting for the copper metal component of its copper tube and fittings inventories. Management believes the LIFO method results in a better matching of current costs with current revenues. The market price of copper does, however, indirectly effect the carrying value (FIFO basis) of the Company's brass inventories. The Company's copper and brass inventories customarily total between 30 to 35 million pounds. "Spreads" fluctuate based upon competitive market conditions.

The Company also owns various natural resource properties in the Western United States and Canada. It operates a short line railroad in Utah and a placer gold mining operation in Alaska. Additionally, certain other natural resource properties produce royalty income.

# Results of Operations

Net income was \$10.7 million, or \$1.12 per common share, for the second quarter of 1995, which compares with net income of \$5.8 million, or 57 cents per common share, for the same period of 1994. Year-to-date, net income was \$20.7 million, or \$2.18 per common share, which compares to net income of \$10.0 million or 97 cents per common share, for 1994.

During the second quarter of 1995, the Company's net sales were \$181.4 million, which compares to net sales of \$136.6 million, or a 32.8 percent increase over the same period of 1994. Net sales were \$353.2 million in the first half of 1995 versus \$257.4 million in 1994. The increase in first half net sales was primarily attributable to the core manufacturing businesses, which shipped 11.0 percent more pounds of product. The September, 1994

acquisition of two plastic manufacturing facilities contributed to this increase. The net sales increase is also reflective of price increases which pass through higher metal costs. The Company's core manufacturing businesses shipped 106.3 million pounds of product in the second quarter of 1995 which compares to 97.0 million pounds in the same quarter of 1994. Second quarter operating income increased primarily due to: (i) productivity improvements at its manufacturing plants; (ii) higher sales volumes; (iii) selective price increases in the fittings and brass rod markets; and (iv) cost containment in selling, general, and administrative expenses.

Interest expense for the second quarter of 1995 decreased approximately \$0.5 million due to capitalized interest of \$0.7 million related to capital improvement programs at the copper tube mill, the brass rod mill, and the high-volume copper fittings factory. The effective tax rate of 31.6 percent in the second quarter of 1995 reflects the benefits of a lower federal provision relating to the recognition of net operating loss carryforwards and a lower state provision associated with incentive IRB financings.

Compared to the same periods of 1994, second quarter and first half 1995 earnings per share were favorably effected by the June, 1994 purchase of treasury stock aggregating 924,875 shares, or 9.6 percent of shares then outstanding.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash provided by operating activities in the first half of 1995 totalled \$6.9 million which is primarily attributable to net income and increases in current liabilities offset by an increase in accounts receivable. The increase in accounts receivable reflects the favorable increase in sales activity.

During the first half of 1995, the Company's capital expenditures totalled \$23.7 million which was provided for by cash from operations, except that portion related to two major capital improvement projects which were funded by IRBs.

During the second quarter of 1995, the Company increased to \$50.0 million its unsecured line-of-credit agreement (the Credit Facility) which expires on June 30, 1997, but may be extended for successive one year periods by agreement of the parties. At the Company's option, borrowings bear interest at prime less 1/2 of one percent. There are no outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility. At July 1, 1995, the Company's total debt was \$87.2 million or 25.1 percent of its capitalization.

The Company's financing obligations contain various covenants which require, among other things, the maintenance of minimum levels of working capital, tangible net worth, and debt service coverage ratios. The Company is in compliance with all debt covenants.

Management believes that cash provided by operations and currently available cash of \$19.5 million will be adequate to meet the Company's normal future capital expenditure and operational needs. The Company's current ratio remains strong at 2.6 to 1.

The Company has ongoing three major capital expenditure projects: (i) a modernization project at its Fulton, Mississippi copper tube mill; (ii) a modernization project at its Port Huron, Michigan brass rod mill; and (iii) a new high-volume copper fittings plant in Fulton, Mississippi. These projects will require capital of approximately \$58.0 million. The two Fulton, Mississippi projects have been financed primarily by IRBs. The objective of these projects is to improve efficiency, yield and productivity as well as add some capacity.

Additionally, the Company has identified and is evaluating various other capital improvement projects that could further enhance productivity and/or add capacity. Various funding alternatives for such projects are also being considered.

#### Update on Capital Improvement Programs

Mueller is upgrading its brass rod mill manufacturing processes with an expansion that includes the installation of an indirect extrusion press, new billet heating furnaces, and material handling systems. The indirect extrusion press and much of the related equipment arrived at the Port Huron facility in May, 1995. The Company expects to transition production to the new equipment during the fourth quarter of 1995.

The building containing Mueller's new high-volume fittings plant in Fulton, Mississippi, is completed and most fittings manufacturing equipment has arrived. Limited production of certain fittings commenced in the second quarter, however, the plant will not become fully operational until later in 1995.

Mueller's capital improvement project at its Fulton copper tube mill to upgrade technology and install state-of-the-art tube drawing equipment remains

on schedule. All major items of equipment have been delivered and installed at the Fulton facility. The Company anticipates that the new equipment will be operational late in the third guarter of 1995.

Another important ongoing program, the modernization of the copper fittings plant in Covington, Tennessee, should be completed by mid-1996. Modernization of this facility, which produces a broad range of low-volume items, is estimated to require approximately \$6.0 to \$7.0 million in capital improvements.

#### Update on Other Matters

#### Gold Mining

Last winter, Alaska Gold Company ("Alaska Gold") commenced full scale open-pit mining operations in Nome, Alaska. During the winter and spring of 1995, Alaska Gold moved approximately 1.1 million cubic yards of overburden. Alaska Gold believes that its stockpile of pay gravel from the current openpit will total approximately 275,000 cubic yards. The stockpiled pay gravel thaws naturally and is then run through a wash house in the summer, with the raw gold being sent to a third party to be refined into pure gold, which can then be sold. During the second quarter, Alaska Gold processed approximately 24,000 cubic yards of pay gravel which yielded 1,302 ounces of gold. Alaska Gold expects to process and refine the remaining pay gravel during the latter half of 1995.

#### Coal Properties

In 1994, United States Fuel Company ("US Fuel") entered into an agreement to sell the majority of its assets. This sale has not yet been consummated, but US Fuel has granted extensions of the closing date to give the purchaser additional time to finalize financing. If this sale is not completed, US Fuel intends to resume full scale remediation at the site.

#### Part II. OTHER INFORMATION

#### Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

On May 9, 1995, the Company held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders at which two proposals were voted upon: (i) Election of Directors; and (ii) the Appointment of Auditors.

The following persons were duly elected to serve, subject to the Company's Bylaws, as Directors of the Company until the next Annual Meeting, or until election and qualification of their successors:

Robert B. Hodes	6,218,960	969,750
Harvey L. Karp	6,217,370	971 <b>,</b> 340
Allan Mactier	6,356,101	832 <b>,</b> 609
William D. O'Hagan	6,221,304	967 <b>,</b> 406
Robert J. Pasquarelli	6,355,181	833,529

The proposal to approve the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's Auditors was ratified by 7,158,896 votes in favor, 14,738 votes against and 15,076 votes abstaining.

There were no broker non-votes pertaining to these proposals.

Item 5. Other Information

The following discussion updates the disclosure in Item 1, Business, in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 1994.

# Environmental Matters

Mining Remedial Recovery Company (MRRC)

1. Cleveland Mill Site

Late in the second quarter, the consent decree relating to the site was entered by the federal district court.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

- (a) Exhibits
  - 19.1 Mueller Industries, Inc.'s Quarterly Report to Stockholders for the quarter ended July 1, 1995. Such report is being furnished for the information

of the Securities and Exchange Commission only and is not to be deemed filed as part of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

- 99.1 Press Release issued by Mueller Industries, Inc. on July 19, 1995.
- (b) During the quarter ended July 1, 1995, the Registrant filed no Current Reports on Form 8-K.

Items 1, 2, and 3 are not applicable and have been omitted. SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on July 20, 1995.

MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC.

/S/ EARL W. BUNKERS Earl W. Bunkers, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

/S/ KENT A. MCKEE Kent A. McKee Treasurer and Assistant Secretary

/S/ RICHARD W. CORMAN Richard W. Corman Director of Corporate Accounting TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS:

We are pleased to report that Mueller's earnings rose 85 percent for the second quarter of 1995 compared with the same quarter of 1994. This is the fourth record quarter in a row and the 14th consecutive quarter of strong earnings performance.

Earnings for the second quarter of 1995 were \$10.7 million, or \$1.12 per share compared to earnings of \$5.8 million, or 57 cents per share for the second quarter of 1994.

Net sales for the second quarter of 1995 totaled \$181.4 million, compared to \$136.6 million for the second quarter of 1994. Pounds of product shipped during the quarter rose to a new all time high of 106.3 million, a 9.6 percent increase over 1994 levels for the same period.

The first half of 1995 has clearly been the best six months in our Company's history. Earnings for the first half totaled \$20.7 million or \$2.18 per share. It is noteworthy that our earnings growth was achieved despite a softening in the housing market. New housing starts declined during the first five months of 1995 by approximately 12 percent. Mueller offset the effects of this decline with increased productivity, cost reductions and increased volume. However, competitive pressure continued to depress margins in our copper tube and plastic fittings businesses. We believe margins in these businesses are likely to improve during the second half of 1995 on the assumption that the housing market will strengthen as the year progresses.

At this writing, the 30 year fixed mortgage rate is 7.4 percent, which is approximately 180 basis points lower than it was at the end of 1994. Historically, such low mortgage rates have stimulated home purchases as well as new home construction.

We continue to make excellent progress on our capital improvement programs. We expect the modernization of our copper tube facility in Fulton, Mississippi, the construction of a high-volume copper fittings plant, also in Fulton, Mississippi, and the installation of a new indirect extrusion press at our brass rod mill in Port Huron, Michigan, to be completed by the end of this year. Another important ongoing program, the modernization of our copper fittings plant in Covington, Tennessee, should also be completed by mid-1996. These programs will enable Mueller to improve product availability and customer service while at the same time reducing manufacturing costs. Thus far, we have realized only modest benefits from our capital programs, but in 1996, we expect to reap many more benefits.

Recently, Mueller entered into a \$50 million unsecured line-of-credit agreement with eight mid-west banks. We are confident that a substantially larger line-of-credit could have been negotiated, but at this time, it is not needed.

Our annual shareholders meeting was held on May 9, 1995, and our shareholders re-elected all Board members and approved the reappointment of our independent auditors.

Sincerely,

/s/Harvey L. Karp Harvey L. Karp Chairman of the Board

/s/William D. O'Hagan William D. O'Hagan President and Chief Executive Officer

July 19, 1995

<TABLE> MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited) (in thousands, except share data)

(in thousands, except share data) <CAPTION>

	For the Quarter Ended		For the Six-Months Ended	
	-	June 25,		June 25,
			1995	
<s></s>			<c></c>	<c></c>
Net sales		\$136 <b>,</b> 576		\$257 <b>,</b> 388
Costs and expenses	165 <b>,</b> 759	126,846	322 <b>,</b> 932	-
Operating income	15,621	9,730	30,218	17,369
Non operating income	(20)	(	<i>C</i> <b>A</b>	(1 507)
(expense), net	(32)	(595)	64	(1,587)
Income before taxes	15,589	9,135	30,282	15,782
Income tax expense		3,357		5,822
Net income	-	-	\$ 20 <b>,</b> 713	-
Earnings per common and common equivalent share:				
Primary		\$ 0.57 ======	\$ 2.18	
Fully diluted		\$ 0.57 	\$ 2.15	

</TABLE> <TABLE> MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited) (in thousands, except share data) <CAPTION>

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Assets Current assets Property, plant and equipment, net Other assets	Ş	202,100 212,963 38,970	Ş	183,551 196,772 50,432
	Ş	454,033	\$	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity Current liabilities Long-term debt Other noncurrent liabilities	Ş	79,243 69,151 44,715	Ş	67,221 76,125 45,461
Total liabilities		193,109		188,807
Stockholders' equity: Common stock Paid-in capital, common Retained earnings since January, 1991 Cumulative translation adjustments Treasury common stock at cost		100 254,044 42,700 (2,612) (33,308)		100 254,251 21,987 (2,832) (31,558)
Total stockholders' equity		260,924		241,948
	\$	454,033	Ş	
Book value per share	\$	30.18	\$	

</TABLE> DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

DIRECTORS

Harvey L. Karp	Chairman of the Board Mueller Industries, Inc.
Robert B. Hodes (1)(3)	Partner Willkie Farr & Gallagher
Allan Mactier (1)(2)(3)	Private Investor
William D. O'Hagan	President and Chief Executive Officer Mueller Industries, Inc.
Robert J. Pasquarelli (1)(2)	Chief Executive Officer of New Jersey Steel Corporation

Harvey L. Karp	Chairman of the Board
William D. O'Hagan	President and Chief Executive Officer
Earl W. Bunkers	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Harvey W. Clements	Vice President and General Manager - Tube Division
John B. Hansen	Vice President and General Manager- Fittings Division
William H. Hensley	Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
Richard G. Miller	Vice President and Chief Information Officer
Lee R. Nyman	Vice President - Manufacturing/Management Engineering
James H. Rourke	Vice President and General Manager - Industrial Division
Roy C. Harris	Corporate Controller
Kent A. McKee	Treasurer and Assistant Secretary

Mueller Industries, Inc./2959 N. Rock Road/Wichita, KS 67226/(316) 636-6300

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- Member of the Audit Committee
   Member of the Compensation Committee
- (3) Member of the Nominating Committee

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THE SCHEDULE CONTAINS SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM THE
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## MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC. ANNOUNCES AN 85 PERCENT INCREASE IN SECOND QUARTER EARNINGS

Wichita, KS - Mueller Industries, Inc. (NYSE: MLI) today reported net income for the quarter ended July 1, 1995 of \$10.7 million or \$1.12 per share, on 9,550,000 weighted average shares outstanding. This compared with net income for the second quarter of 1994 of \$5.8 million, or 57 cents per share on 10,176,000 weighted average shares outstanding. Net sales for the second quarter of 1995 were \$181.4 million compared with net sales of \$136.6 million for the same quarter of 1994.

For the first six months of 1995, net income was \$20.7 million, or \$2.18 per share, on net sales of \$353.2 million. This compares with net income of \$10.0 million, or 97 cents per share, on net sales of \$257.4 million for the same period of 1994.

Harvey L. Karp, Chairman, stated, "The first half of 1995 has clearly been the best six months in our company's history. It is noteworthy that our earnings growth was achieved despite a softening in the housing market in the first half of 1995. Today, the 30 year fixed mortgage rate is 7.4 percent, which is approximately 180 basis points lower than it was at the end of 1994. Historically, such low mortgage rates have stimulated home purchases as well as new home construction." Mr. Karp added, "We continue to make excellent progress on our major capital improvement programs which we expect to be completed by the end of this year. Thus far, we have realized only modest benefits from these capital programs, but in 1996, we expect to reap many more benefits."

Mueller Industries, Inc. is a leading and diversified fabricator whose products include copper tube and fittings; brass and copper alloy rods, bars and shapes; brass and bronze forgings; aluminum and copper impact extrusions; plastic fittings and valves; and refrigeration valves, driers and flare fittings. The Company also owns a short line railroad in Utah, a placer gold mining operation in Alaska, and other natural resource properties.

<TABLE> MUELLER INDUSTRIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited) (In thousands, except per share data) <CAPTION>

	For the Quar	nths Ended		
			July 1, 1995	
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Net sales	\$181 <b>,</b> 380	\$136 <b>,</b> 576	\$353,150	\$257 <b>,</b> 388
Cost of goods sold	149,587	112,445	290,147	212,230
Depreciation and amortization Selling,general, and	3,763	3,175	7,409	5 <b>,</b> 875
administrative expense	12,409	11,226	25,376	21,914
Operating income	15 <b>,</b> 621	9,730	30,218	17,369
Interest expense	(1,134)	(1,618)	(2,511)	(3,312)
Environmental reserves	-	-	-	(412)
Unusual items	-	(1, 141)	-	(1,406)
Other income, net	,	2,164	2,575	
Income before taxes	15,589			15,782
Income tax expense	(4,926)	(3,357)	(9,569)	(5,822)
Net income	\$ 10,663	\$ 5 <b>,</b> 778	\$ 20,713	\$ 9,960

# Net income per share:

Average shares outstanding	9,550	10,176	9,506	10,302
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Net income	\$ 1.12	\$ 0.57	\$ 2.18	\$ 0.97
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Fully diluted:				
Average shares outstanding	9,600	10,176	9,614	10,302
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Net income	\$ 1.11	\$ 0.57	\$ 2.15	\$ 0.97
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ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	Ċ	19,521	Ş	34,492
Accounts receivable, net	Ŷ	99,308	Ŷ	66,925
Inventories		73,344		74,368
Other current assets		9,927		7,766
Total current assets		202,100		183,551
Property, plant and equipment, net		212,963		196 <b>,</b> 772
Other assets		38,970		50,432
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY Current portion of long-term debt	Ş	18,079	Ş	18,611
Accounts payable		29,329		21,607
Other current liabilities		31,835		27,003
Total current liabilities		79,243		67,221
Long-term debt		69 <b>,</b> 151		76 <b>,</b> 125
Other noncurrent liabilities		44,715		45,461
Total liabilities		193,109		188,807
Stockholders' equity		260,924		241,948
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Book value per share	\$	30.18	Ş	27.81
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