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Paul Mueller Company Announces Its Second Quarter Earnings of 2016

Springfield, Missouri – July 29, 2016, Paul Mueller Company (OTC: MUEL) today announced earnings for the quarter ended June 30, 2016.

PAUL MUELLER COMPANY SIX-MONTH REPORT

Unaudited

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(In thousands)	Three Months Ended Six Months Ended June 30 June 30							nded	Twelve Mont	 nded
		2016		2015		2016		2015	2016	2015
Net Sales	\$	45,524	\$	49,710	\$	86,685	\$	94,353	\$ 170,927	\$ 196,228
Cost of Sales		32,720		34,692		61,565		67,133	120,794	143,943
Gross Profit	\$	12,804	\$	15,018	\$	25,120	\$	27,220	\$ 50,133	\$ 52,285
Selling, General and Administrative Expense		11,856		10,214		22,721		20,028	41,728	41,298
Operating Income	\$	948	\$	4,804	\$	2,399	\$	7,192	\$ 8,405	\$ 10,987
Interest Expense		(63)		(100)		(99)		(221)	(240)	(629)
Other Income (Expense)		(63)		(317)		(111)		(326)	(8)	(450)
Income before Provision for Income Taxes	\$	822	\$	4,387	\$	2,189	\$	6,645	\$ 8,157	\$ 9,908
Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes		60		1,360		516		2,012	2,513	2,988
Net Income	\$	762	\$	3,027	\$	1,673	\$	4,633	\$ 5,644	\$ 6,920
Earnings per Common Share — Basic		\$0.63		\$2.45		\$1.37		\$3.76	\$4.59	\$5.62
Diluted		\$0.63		\$2.45		\$1.37		\$3.74	\$4.59	\$5.60

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Six Months Ended June 30				
		2016		2015	
Net Income	\$	1,673	\$	4,633	
Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax:					
Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment		554		(2,510)	
Change in Pension Liability		1,000		-	
Amortization of De-Designated Hedges		10		(6)	
Comprehensive Income	\$	3,237	\$	2,117	

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	_	June 30 2016		cember 31 2015
Accounts Receivable	\$	24,654	\$	22,587
Inventories		30,372		31,941
Other Current Assets		2,035		8,312
Current Assets	\$_	57,061	\$	62,840
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment		35,931		35,718
Other Assets		25,804		20,038
Total Assets	\$	118,796	\$	118,596
Accounts Payable	\$	11,621	\$	11,672
Current Maturities and Short-Term debt		14,152		10,868
Other Current Liabilities		22,285		25,775
Current Liabilities	\$	48,058	\$	48,315
Long-Term Debt		4,837		5,003
Long-Term Pension Liabilities		30,815		32,527
Other Long-Term Liabilities		969		1,004
Total Liabilities		84,679		86,849
Shareholders' Investment		34,117		31,747
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Investment	\$	118,796	\$	118,596

SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

	June 30		ecember 31
	2016		
Book Value per Common Share	 \$28.23		\$25.66
Total Shares Outstanding	1,208,460		1,237,220
Backlog	\$ 56,869	\$	58,385

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS' INVESTMENT

										umulated	
										Other	
	C	ommon			R	etained			Com	prehensive	
	;	Stock	Paid-ir	Surplus	E	arnings	Trea	sury Stock	Inco	me (Loss)	Total
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$	1,508	\$	9,708	\$	63,863	\$	(5,114)	\$	(38,218)	\$ 31,747
Add (Deduct):											
Net Income						1,673					1,673
Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax										1,564	1,564
Treasury Stock Acquisition								(867)			(867)
Deferred Compensation											
Balance, June 30, 2016	\$	1,508	\$	9,708	\$	65,536	\$	(5,981)	\$	(36,654)	\$ 34,117

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Operating Activities:	Е	Six Months Ended June 30, 2016		Six Months Ended June 30,2015		
Net Income	\$	1,673	\$	4,633		
Adjustment to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities: Pension Contributions (Greater) Less than Expense Bad Debt Expense (Recovery) Depreciation & Amortization (Gain) Loss on Sales of Equipment Other Change in Assets and Liabilities (Inc) Dec in Accts and Notes Receivable		(713) 12 3,008 (12) (43)		(71) 36 2,782 (27) (44)		
(Inc) Dec in Accis and Notes Receivable (Inc) Dec in Cost in Excess of Estimated Earnings and Billings (Inc) Dec in Inventories (Inc) Dec in Prepayments (Inc) Dec Other Assets Inc (Dec) in Accounts Payable Inc (Dec) Other Accrued Expenses Inc (Dec) Advanced Billings Inc (Dec) in Billings in Excess of Costs and Estimated Earnings Inc (Dec) In Other Long-Term Liabilities Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	-\$	(1,661) (38) 1,831 811 (339) (759) (2,440) (367) (485) 278	\$	(602) 115 (7,799) 530 405 6,283 628 2,658 (177) (182) 9,168		
Investing Activities Proceeds from Sales of Equipment Additions to Property and Equipment Net Cash Required for Investing Activities	* *	27 (2,708) (2,681)	\$	45 (7,179) (7,134)		
Financing Activities Proceeds (Repayment) of Short-Term Borrowings, Net (Repayment) Proceeds of Long-Term Debt Treasury Stock Acquisitions Net Cash Provided (Required) for Financing Activities	\$	3,182 (208) (867) 2,107	\$	(5,911) 2,902 (5) (3,014)		
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes		16_		(119)		
Net (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	(280)	\$	(1,099)		
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year		545		1,402		
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Quarter	\$	265	\$	303		

PAUL MUELLER COMPANY SUMMARIZED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- (1) Results of Operations (in thousands):
 - **A.** The chart below depicts the net revenue on a consolidating basis for the three months ended June 30.

Three Months Ended June 30					
Revenue	2016	2015			
Domestic	\$27,815	\$32,506			
Mueller BV	\$18,021	\$17,892			
Eliminations	(\$312)	(\$688)			
Net Revenue	\$45,524	\$49,710			

The chart below depicts the net revenue on a consolidating basis for the six months ended June 30.

Six Months Ended June 30					
Revenue	2016	2015			
Domestic	\$54,672	\$62,476			
Mueller BV	\$32,589	\$33,396			
Eliminations	(\$576)	(\$1,519)			
Net Revenue	\$86,685	\$94,353			

The chart below depicts the net revenue on a consolidating basis for the twelve months ended June 30.

Twelve Months Ended June 30						
Revenue	2016	2015				
Domestic	\$109,576	\$131,584				
Mueller BV	\$62,771	\$67,904				
Eliminations	(\$1,420)	(\$3,260)				
Net Revenue	\$170,927	\$196,228				

The chart below depicts the net income on a consolidating basis for the three months ended June 30.

Three Months Ended June 30						
Net Income	2016	2015				
Domestic	(\$637)	\$1,298				
Mueller BV	\$1,351	\$1,747				
Eliminations	\$48	(\$18)				
Net Income	\$762	\$3,027				

The chart below depicts the net income on a consolidating basis for the six months ended June 30.

Six Months Ended June 30						
Net Income	2016	2015				
Domestic	\$11	\$1,768				
Mueller BV	\$1,580	\$2,939				
Eliminations	\$82	(\$74)				
Net Income	\$1.673	\$4.633				

The chart below depicts the net income on a consolidating basis for the twelve months ended June 30.

Twelve Months Ended June 30					
Net Income	2016	2015			
Domestic	\$2,829	\$1,962			
Mueller BV	\$2,712	\$5,132			
Eliminations	\$103	(\$174)			
Net Income	\$5,644	\$6,920			

B. Second quarter results were negatively affected by two events which we described in our 2015 annual report.

First, we plan on spending approximately \$2 million this year repairing the roof over the main building in Springfield. During the second quarter we incurred \$312,000 of expense due to this project.

Second, we are currently offering lump sum pension settlements, paid from the assets of the plans, to participants who are no longer employed by the company as of May 6, 2016, but who have not yet begun receiving their benefit. These eligible participants have until August 5th to make an election. The payments will be made late in the third quarter. The eligible participants represent about a quarter of the obligations of the plans and we expect about 50% of those to elect the settlement. There will be a non-cash effect on the earnings of the Company caused by pension deficits now recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income moving through net income. If 50% participation is achieved, pretax income will be reduced \$5.5 million.

As of June 30th, 49 participants representing lump sum payments of \$2.7 million have already elected to participate. The effect of these elections reduced pretax income by \$1.0 million for the second quarter. Elections made after June 30th will affect the third quarter results.

- **C.** The pretax results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, were unfavorably affected by a \$1,000,000 increase in the LIFO reserve. The pre-tax results for the twelve months ended June 30, 2016, were favorably affected by a \$50,000 decrease in the LIFO reserve. The pre-tax results for the twelve months ended June 30, 2015, were unfavorably affected by a \$1,016,000 increase in the LIFO reserve.
- D. On March 18, 2016, the Company announced a repurchase program of up to \$3 million of the Company's common stock. The stock repurchases may be made from time to time in the open market, in compliance with a Rule 10b5-1 share repurchase plan adopted by the Company, or in privately negotiated transactions in compliance with applicable state and federal securities laws. The timing and amounts of any repurchases will be based on market conditions and other factors including price, regulatory requirements, and capital availability. The program does not require the repurchase of any minimum number of shares and may be suspended, modified, or discontinued at any time, without prior notice. As of June 30, 2016, the Company has repurchased 28,760 shares at a total cost of \$867,000.
- E. The Company's subsidiary, Mueller Field Operations, Inc. was involved in an accident involving a field fabricated tank on September 14, 2014. A \$2.9 million pre-tax reserve was established for the full contract value of the original order and certain insurance deductibles. The Company completed the fabrication of the new tank which is now in operation with \$0.5 million recognized into pretax income in the fourth quarter in 2015. All efforts to recover insurance related to this claim have been resolved except for ongoing litigation with the manufacturer's error and omissions carrier.
- **F.** The consolidated financials are affected by the euro to dollar exchange rate when consolidating Mueller B.V., the Dutch subsidiary. The month end euro to dollar exchange rate was 1.11 for June, 2015; 1.09 for December, 2015 and 1.11 for June, 2016, respectively.

This press release contains forward-looking statements that provide current expectations of future events based on certain assumptions. All statements regarding future performance growth, conditions, or developments are forward-looking statements. Actual future results may differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements due to a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, the factors described on page 30 of the Company's 2015 Annual Report, which is available at paulmueller.com. The Company expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to update these forward-looking statements to reflect any future events or circumstances.

The accounting policies related to this report and additional management discussion and analysis are provided in the 2015 annual report, available at

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