

# MUELLER

## News Release

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### **MUELLER® ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY LAYOFF**

Paul Mueller Company announced a production layoff on Thursday, December 17, 2009, that was in conjunction with the plant holiday shutdown that has been scheduled for several weeks. The plant will reopen on Monday, January 11, 2010, for normal operations, as the Company continues to receive new orders for products and services. The Company expects to recall employees beginning January 11, 2010.

Mueller is one of the leading manufacturers of processing systems and has invested extensively in equipment and personnel to expand its product and service capability, with a focus on providing its customers with a complete project solution. The Company has qualified and experienced employees in product development, engineering, and manufacturing, and it produces stainless steel systems designed to meet the highest quality standards for a wide variety of industrial applications, including food, dairy, and beverage processing; pharmaceutical, biotechnological, and chemical processing; heat transfer and heat recovery; HVAC; and thermal energy storage and cooling applications on dairy farms worldwide.

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 34 of the Company's 2008 Annual Report. The Company expressly dis-claims any obligation or undertaking to update these forward-looking statements to reflect any future events or circumstances.

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