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PAUL MUELLER COMPANY PLANS TO INCREASE WORKFORCE

Paul Mueller Company reported net income of \$6,617,000, or \$5.64 per diluted share, for the year ending December 31, 2005. Net sales increased 22% over 2004 and totaled \$138,100,000. The strong starting backlog in conjunction with an increase in order entry of 9.5% were significant factors contributing to 2005 results.

As a result of strong fourth quarter sales, the December 31, 2005, backlog of \$37,027,000 is down by 20% compared to the December 31, 2004, backlog. Despite expected slow first quarter sales for 2006, year-to-date order entry has been strong and potential projects have been identified to replenish the backlog. On the basis of current order entry trends, Mueller is continuing to increase manufacturing capacity while controlling indirect costs.

Since October 2005, Mueller has increased the manufacturing workforce by 44 people and field construction personnel by 16. Based upon current booking trends, Mueller has immediate openings for 65 people -- 59 current openings in the Springfield operation and 6 openings in field construction. Of the 59 openings in Springfield, 50 are manufacturing positions consisting of welders, grinders, and production workers. The additional 9 Springfield positions are for sales, project management, and designers.

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