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SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI — PAUL MUELLER COMPANY TODAY RELEASED ITS THIRD QUARTER REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005, AS FOLLOWS:

**Paul Mueller Company and Subsidiaries**

**NINE-MONTH REPORT**

(Unaudited)

**CONSOLIDATED SUMMARIES OF OPERATIONS**

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended		Twelve Months Ended	
	September 30		September 30		September 30	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Net Sales .....	\$ 31,322,000	\$ 33,948,000	\$ 98,621,000	\$ 77,649,000	\$ 133,900,000	\$ 107,155,000
Income (Loss) from Operations before Taxes .....	\$ 536,000	\$ (600,000)	\$ 3,985,000	\$ (7,090,000)	\$ 4,711,000	\$ (8,625,000)
Tax Provision .....	118,000	4,724,000	1,197,000	2,330,000	1,108,000	1,495,000
Net Income (Loss) .....	<u>\$ 418,000</u>	<u>\$ (5,324,000)</u>	<u>\$ 2,788,000</u>	<u>\$ (9,420,000)</u>	<u>\$ 3,603,000</u>	<u>\$ (10,120,000)</u>
Earnings (Loss) per Common Share –						
Basic .....	\$ 0.36	\$ (4.55)	\$ 2.38	\$ (8.05)	\$ 3.08	\$ (8.66)
Diluted .....	\$ 0.36	\$ (4.55)	\$ 2.37	\$ (8.05)	\$ 3.06	\$ (8.66)

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

	September 30	December 31
	2005	2004
Total Assets .....	\$ 55,965,000	\$ 57,083,000
Working Capital .....	\$ 6,148,000	\$ 5,826,000
Current Ratio .....	1.21 : 1	1.19 : 1
Net Worth .....	\$ 16,828,000	\$ 17,000,000
Book Value Per Share....	\$ 14.48	\$ 14.26
Backlog .....	\$ 37,706,000	\$ 46,324,000

NOTE: 1) The effective tax rates for the three, nine, and twelve month periods ended September 30, 2005, vary from the statutory tax rate (34%) due to the utilization of a net operating loss, tax credits, and items that are treated differently for book and tax purposes.

The tax provision for the three months, nine months, and twelve months ended September 30, 2004, includes a non-cash charge of \$5,047,000 recorded during 2004 to establish a valuation allowance for all of the Company's net deferred tax assets. A consolidated cumulative loss before tax was incurred during the three-year period ended September 30, 2004; and this is sufficient objective evidence to preclude the assertion that the ultimate realization of the net deferred tax assets is more likely than not; and a full valuation allowance was required under the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." The consolidated cumulative loss before tax was attributable principally to LIFO provisions recorded during the three years ended September 30, 2004, due to the significant increase in stainless steel prices.

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