Mueller Water Products Takes Additional Cost-Reduction Actions to Address Impact of Recession

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ATLANTA, Feb. 6 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Mueller Water Products, Inc. (NYSE: MWA) announced today that it is continuing to address the impact of the recession.

"On our quarterly earnings conference call earlier this week, I mentioned that we would be taking additional actions to address the impact the recession has had on our business," said Gregory E. Hyland, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Mueller Water Products. "I also said that, since these actions would be directly impacting our employees, we wanted to communicate the actions we were taking to them first."

Included in the actions being implemented are temporary plant shutdowns to match production with market demand and to reduce costs. In addition, the Company has announced pay reductions of 20% for members of the Company's board of directors and most of its executive officers for the next three months. The Company also announced lesser reductions in base pay and/or reduced workweeks for other salaried employees.

"Meeting our customers' needs remains our top priority," said Hyland. "The actions we are taking will help us manage through this difficult economic environment, and we are confident of our ability to do so while maintaining our high levels of safety, quality and service. We continue to believe that the long-term prospects for our industry and the Company remain promising."

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About Mueller Water Products

Mueller Water Products is a leading North American manufacturer and marketer of infrastructure and flow control products for use in water distribution networks and treatment facilities. Its broad product portfolio includes engineered valves, hydrants, ductile iron pipe and pipe fittings, which are used by municipalities, as well as the residential and non-residential construction, oil and gas, HVAC and fire protection industries. With latest 12 months net sales of $1.8 billion, the Company is comprised of three operating segments: Mueller Co., U.S. Pipe and Anvil. Based in Atlanta, Georgia, the Company employs approximately 6,000 people. Mueller Water Products Series A common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol MWA. For more information about Mueller Water Products, please visit the Company's Web site at www.muellerwaterproducts.com.

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