

Mueller Co. Expands Research & Development Capabilities



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CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 5, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Mueller Co. has expanded its research & development capabilities with the creation of the Mueller Co. Technology Center (MTC). The MTC centralizes the Company's R&D efforts for its core products and is dedicated to developing next-generation technologies for water infrastructure. The MTC, which is located in Chattanooga, Tenn., builds on Mueller Co.'s long-standing history of innovation in developing products and services that have become industry standards.

According to Dave Woollums, Vice President of Research, Development and Engineering for Mueller Co., the MTC provides the environment necessary for Mueller Co.'s R&D staff to focus exclusively on developing new solutions that improve efficiency, distribution and monitoring capabilities for water utilities.

"During the past 150 years, 'Mueller Co.' has become synonymous with the innovation that has enabled utilities to accurately measure and regulate the flow of water as it is transmitted from source to customer," said Woollums. "We have developed many 'industry firsts' in the water infrastructure space; however, the future holds a new set of challenges for utilities, especially when it comes to improving efficiency, safety and conservation. The Mueller Co. Technology Center demonstrates our commitment to helping utilities continue providing their customers with access to safe, clean drinking water and improve operating efficiencies, while addressing the water infrastructure challenges they face."

The MTC is based in Chattanooga, Tenn., along with Mueller Co.'s headquarters, and it is centrally located near three of the company's five primary manufacturing facilities. The location was strategically chosen to help facilitate dialogue between MTC's engineers and Mueller Co.'s other key facilities, which focus on day-to-day operations.

Mueller Co. is a division of Mueller Water Products, Inc. (NYSE:MWA), a leading North American manufacturer and marketer of products and services that are used in the transmission, distribution and measurement of water. Mueller Co. is the largest full-line supplier of flow control products used in distribution systems for municipal potable water and natural gas, and is ISO certified.

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Undue reliance should not be placed on any forward-looking statements. We do not have any intention or obligation to update forward-looking statements except as required by law.

About Mueller Water Products, Inc.

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