Village of Mount Zion Selects Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Network From Mueller Systems

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VILLAGE OF MT. ZION, Ill., Oct. 6, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Village of Mt. Zion, Ill., has selected Cleveland, NC-based Mueller Systems, a leading provider of innovative water infrastructure products and services and technologically advanced metering systems for water, electric and gas systems, to provide an advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) network that will help the city to improve customer service and reduce operational costs associated with its water system. A subsidiary of Mueller Water Products, Inc. (NYSE:MWA), Mueller Systems offers AMI and automatic meter reading (AMR) systems along with a full line of residential, fire line and commercial meters and related products that optimize the delivery and use of water and energy.

Mueller Systems will provide Mt. Zion with The Mi.Net™ Mueller Infrastructure Network for Utilities—its advanced two-way AMI network. The Mi.Net System enables utilities to improve operational efficiencies and customer service by fully automating the meter reading-to-billing process, and linking meters, distribution sites and control devices into a single data network. Benefits provided by the Mi.Net System include on-demand meter readings, e-mail alerts and alarms based upon near real-time information as well as the ability for utilities to better manage their water and electric resources through ongoing access to custom data and information.

Mt. Zion will use The Mi.Net System to link more than 2,100 commercial and residential water meters in its service area, enabling Mt. Zion's Public Works Department to monitor household water consumption from its office in real time. Access to real-time water consumption data will help Mt. Zion reduce operational costs associated with collecting monthly meter reads while allowing it to better help customers understand how their water usage behavior affects their monthly utility bills. Mt. Zion customer service representatives can also receive an on-demand reading from a meter while on the phone with a customer by sending a signal from the office to the meter to answer the customer's question or resolve a billing complaint. The Mi.Net System also provides 24/7 leak monitoring that automatically detects water leaks and alerts city workers who can promptly inform customers and dispatch service crews to make necessary repairs.

"Customer service and conservation are among The Village of Mt. Zion's most pressing concerns," said Grant Corum, director of Public Works for The Village of Mt. Zion. "The Mi.Net System provides us with an intelligent water system that will enable us to efficiently address these concerns while improving operational efficiencies in a way that

improves cost savings and helps to ensure that our customers will continue to have access to safe, clean drinking water."

"Mueller Systems is very proud to announce its partnership with The Village of Mt. Zion," said Hassan Ali, vice president and general manager of Mueller Systems. "Mt. Zion's forward thinking decision to implement The Mi.Net System is the latest validation of the operational and customer service benefits made possible by real time access to water consumption data and two-way communication with water meters. It also demonstrates the practicality of AMI to relatively small water distribution networks, and that the technology is not limited to large municipalities."

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This press release contains certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements that address activities, events or developments that we intend, expect, plan, project, believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on certain assumptions and assessments made by us in light of our experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments. Actual results and the timing of events may differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including regional, national or global political, economic, business, competitive, market and regulatory conditions and the following:

- the spending level for water and wastewater infrastructure;
- the demand level of manufacturing and construction activity;
- our ability to service our debt obligations; and
- the other factors that are described in the section entitled "RISK FACTORS" in Item 1A of our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K and in Part I, Item 1A of our Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2011.

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 Systems

Mueller Systems offers a full line of residential, fire line and commercial meters, AMR / AMI systems and related products. Mueller Systems provides Smart Metering solutions to optimize the delivery and use of water and energy. Municipalities that supply water, electricity or gas—or any combination of the three services—need innovative ways to increase efficiencies, reduce costs, conserve water and energy, and improve customer service. The Mi.Net™ Mueller Infrastructure Network for Utilities from Mueller Systems meets that need. For more information about Mueller Systems, please visit the Company's website at www.muellersystems.com.

About Mueller Water Products, Inc.

Mueller Water Products, Inc. is headquartered in Atlanta, GA and manufactures and markets products and services that are used in the transmission and distribution of safe, clean drinking water and in water treatment facilities. Our broad product portfolio includes engineered valves, fire hydrants, pipe fittings, water meters and ductile iron pipe, which are used by municipalities, as well as the residential and non-residential construction industries. Net sales for the year ended June 30, 2011 were $1.3 billion and total employees were approximately 4,800 at June 30, 2011. The Company operates primarily through three segments: Mueller Co., U.S. Pipe and Anvil. The Company's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol MWA. For more information about Mueller Water Products, Inc., please visit our website at www.muellerwaterproducts.com.

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