City of Tacoma Selects Echologics, LLC for Leak Detection, Pipe Condition Assessment Project

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ATLANTA, April 4, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The city of Tacoma, Wash., has selected Echologics, LLC, a leader in water infrastructure diagnostic technologies, to perform non-invasive leak detection and pipe condition assessment for 20 miles of pipe in its water system. Echologics will help the city improve its operational efficiency and conserve water by cost-effectively detecting leaks and prioritizing sections of pipe for repair or replacement.

"Using Echologics, we will be able to identify and prioritize our most deteriorated sections of pipe and detect leaks that waste treated water— all without breaking ground," said Steve Standley, director of Distribution Engineering for Tacoma Water. "These diagnostic services will help us quickly and cost-effectively rehabilitate our water system, while avoiding the service disruptions and excessive costs typically associated with such a process."

The city of Tacoma selected Echologics after a review of competitive technologies. Echologics is a subsidiary of Mueller Water Products, Inc. (NYSE:MWA), a leading North American manufacturer and marketer of products and services that are used in the transmission and distribution of safe, clean drinking water and in water treatment facilities. Echologics leverages the strength of the Mueller brand in delivering intelligent solutions for water infrastructure.

Echologics' core technology uses a proprietary acoustic-based leak detection system and a comprehensive proprietary database to assess the structural condition of selected water pipes, which is especially helpful as North American water utilities confront the challenges of repairing or replacing their aging water infrastructure. Some of the technology was developed jointly with the National Research Council of Canada.

"Our technologies enable Tacoma to take an efficient approach towards improving water conservation for its residents and repairing its aging water system," said Marc Bracken, vice president and general manager of Echologics. "Because our leak detection and pipe condition assessment processes do not require system interruption or excavation, we expect the city will be able to save costs and reallocate those savings to other projects."

Water service providers across North America, and in Europe, South Africa, Asia and Australia have leveraged Echologics to prioritize water system repairs or replacement and

to improve water conservation through non-invasive leak detection in ductile iron, plastic and asbestos cement water pipe of various sizes.

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- the level of spending on 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.

Undue reliance should not be placed on any forward-looking statements. We do not have any intention or obligation to update forward-looking statements after we file this press release, except as required by law.

About Tacoma Water

Tacoma Water is one of Tacoma Public Utilities' three divisions. It has a proud tradition of operating and maintaining one of the United States' oldest municipally owned water systems.

About Echologics Engineering Inc.

Echologics, LLC is an affiliate of Echologics Engineering Inc., a manufacturing, service and marketing company dedicated to helping water utilities reduce water loss with subsequent benefits in monetary, environmental and health costs to the communities. Echologics Engineering Inc. is a leader in the development of water infrastructure diagnostic technologies for water loss management, leak detection and pipe condition assessment. Founded in 2003, Echologics Engineering Inc. is based in Toronto. For more information about Echologics, visit www.echologics.com.

About Mueller Water Products, Inc.

Mueller Water Products, Inc. manufactures and markets products and services that are used in the transmission and distribution of safe, clean drinking water and in water treatment facilities throughout North America. 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. With latest 12 months net sales through December 31, 2010 of $1.3 billion, the Company is comprised of three operating segments: Mueller Co., U.S. Pipe and Anvil. Based in Atlanta, Georgia, the Company employs approximately 4,800 people. 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. visit www.muellerwaterproducts.com.

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