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For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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MUELLER WATER PRODUCTS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

20-3547095

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

1200 Abernathy Road N.E.

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Atlanta, GA 30328

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number: (770) 206-4200

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class

Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered

Common Stock, par value \$0.01

New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

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Yes No

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Form 10-K.

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There were 156,949,115 shares of common stock of the registrant outstanding at November 13, 2012. At March 31, 2012, the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common stock held by non-affiliates (assuming only for purposes of this computation that directors and executive officers may be affiliates) was \$514 million based on the closing price per share as reported on the New York Stock Exchange.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Applicable portions of the Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company to be held on January 30, 2013 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

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Introductory Note

In this Annual Report on Form 10-K (this “annual report”), (1) the “Company,” “we,” “us” or “our” refer to Mueller Water Products, Inc. and its subsidiaries, including Mueller Co. and Anvil or their management; (2) “Mueller Co.” refers to Mueller Co. LLC, our subsidiary; (3) “Anvil” refers to Anvil International, LLC, our subsidiary; and (4) “U.S. Pipe” refers to United States Pipe and Foundry Company, LLC, our former subsidiary. With regard to the Company's segments, “we,” “us” or “our” may also refer to the segment being discussed or its management.

On April 1, 2012, we sold the businesses comprising our former U.S. Pipe segment. U.S. Pipe's results of operations have been reclassified as discontinued operations, and its assets and liabilities reclassified as held for sale, for all prior periods. Unless the context indicates otherwise, amounts related to our former U.S. Pipe segment have been excluded from amounts presented in this annual report.

Certain of the titles and logos of our products referenced in this annual report are our intellectual property. Each trade name, trademark or servicemark of any other company appearing in this annual report is the property of its holder. Unless the context indicates otherwise, whenever we refer in this annual report to a particular year, we mean the fiscal year ended or ending September 30 in that particular calendar year. We manage our business and report operations through two business segments: Mueller Co. and Anvil, based largely on the products sold and the customers served.

Industry and Market Data

In this annual report, we rely on and refer to information and statistics from third-party sources regarding economic conditions and trends, the demand for our water infrastructure products, flow control and piping component system products and services and the competitive conditions we face in serving our customers and end users. We believe that these sources of information and estimates are accurate, but we have not independently verified them.

Most of our primary competitors are not publicly traded companies. Accordingly, only limited current public information is available with respect to the size of our end markets or our relative strength or competitive position. Our statements in this annual report about our relative market strength and competitive position with respect to other products are based on our beliefs, studies and judgments concerning industry trends.

Forward-Looking Statements

This annual report 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. Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements we make regarding general economic conditions, spending by municipalities, the outlook for the residential and non-residential construction markets, the stability of Anvil's markets, Hurricane Sandy and the “fiscal cliff” and the impacts of these factors on our business. 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 level of manufacturing and construction activity;
- our ability to service our debt obligations; and
- the other factors that are described under the section entitled “RISK FACTORS” in Item 1A of Part I of this annual report.

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.

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* All or a portion of the referenced section incorporated by reference from our definitive proxy statement that will be issued in connection with the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on January 30, 2013.

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PART I

Item 1. BUSINESS

Our Company

Mueller Water Products, Inc. is a leading manufacturer and marketer of products and services used in the transmission, distribution and measurement of water. Our product portfolio includes engineered valves, fire hydrants, metering products and systems, leak detection and pipe condition assessment services and a broad range of pipe fittings, couplings and hangers for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (“HVAC”), fire protection, industrial, energy and oil & gas applications. Our products and services are used by municipalities and the residential and non-residential construction industries, and enjoy leading positions due to their strong brand recognition and reputation for quality, service and innovation. We believe that we have one of the largest installed bases of iron gate valves and fire hydrants in the United States. Our valve or fire hydrant products are specified for use in the 100 largest metropolitan areas in the United States. Our large installed base, broad product range and well-known brands have led to long-standing relationships with the key distributors and end users of our products. Approximately 70% of our net sales in 2012 came from products for which we believe we have a leadership position in the United States and Canada. Our net sales were \$1,023.9 million in 2012.

We manage our business and report operations through two business segments, based largely upon the products sold and the customers served: Mueller Co. and Anvil. Segment revenue and profit information and additional financial data and commentary on the recent financial results for operating segments are provided in the Segment Analysis section in Part II, Item 7. “Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and in Note 17 to the consolidated financial statements in Part II, Item 8. “Financial Statements and Schedules” of this annual report.

Mueller Co.

Mueller Co. manufactures valves for water and gas systems, including iron gate, butterfly, tapping, check, plug and ball valves, as well as dry-barrel and wet-barrel fire hydrants and a broad line of pipe repair products, such as clamps and couplings used to repair leaks. Mueller Co. also offers residential and commercial metering products and systems and leak detection and pipe condition assessment products and services. Sales of Mueller Co. products are driven principally by spending on water and wastewater infrastructure upgrade, repair and replacement and construction of new water and wastewater infrastructure, which is typically associated with construction of new residential communities. Mueller Co. products are sold primarily through waterworks distributors. We estimate that a substantial majority of Mueller Co.'s 2012 net sales were for infrastructure upgrade, repair and replacement.

Anvil

Anvil manufactures and sources a broad range of products, including a variety of fittings, couplings, hangers, valves and related products for use in many forms of non-residential construction for HVAC, fire protection, industrial, energy and oil & gas applications. Anvil's products are sold primarily through distributors who then sell the products to a wide variety of end users. These distributors are serviced primarily through Anvil's distribution centers. We believe Anvil's network of distributors is the largest such distribution network serving similar end users.

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Major products and selected brand names

The table below illustrates each segment's net sales during 2012, major product lines, estimated product positions, selected brand names and primary end users.

Net sales (in millions)	Mueller Co. \$652.4	Anvil \$371.5
Major product lines (estimated product position in U.S. and Canada*)	Fire hydrants (#1) Iron gate valves (#1) Butterfly and ball valves (#1) Plug valves (#2) Metering products and systems Brass products (#2)	Pipe fittings and couplings (#1) Grooved products (#2) Pipe hangers (#2)
Selected brand names	Canada Valve™ Echologics Hersey® HydroGate® HydroGuard® Jones® LeakFinderRT™ LeakListener™ LeakTuner™ Mi.Data™ Mi.Hydrant™ Mi.Net® Milliken™ Mueller Service SM Mueller Systems SM Mueller® Pratt® U.S. Pipe Valve and Hydrant	Anvil® AnvilStar® Anvil-Strut® Beck® Catawissa™ Gruvlok® J.B. Smith™ Merit® SPF®
Primary end users	Water and wastewater infrastructure	HVAC, fire protection, industrial, energy and oil & gas

Product position information is based on our net sales compared to our estimates of the net sales of our principal *competitors for these product categories. Our estimates are based on internal analyses and information from trade associations and our distributor networks, where available.

The Public Offerings, the Spin-off and the Sale of U.S. Pipe

Mueller Water Products, Inc. is a Delaware corporation that was incorporated on September 22, 2005 under the name Mueller Holding Company, Inc. It is the surviving corporation of the merger on February 2, 2006 of Mueller Water Products, LLC and Mueller Water Products Co-Issuer, Inc. with and into Mueller Holding Company, Inc. We changed our name to Mueller Water Products, Inc. on February 2, 2006. On June 1, 2006, we completed an initial public offering of 28,750,000 shares of common stock.

On December 14, 2006, Walter Energy, Inc. (“Walter Energy”, formerly Walter Industries, Inc.) distributed to its shareholders 85,844,920 shares of our Series B common stock (the “Spin-off”). On January 28, 2009, each share of Series B common stock was converted into one share of Series A common stock and the Series A designation was discontinued.

On September 23, 2009, we completed a public offering of 37,122,000 shares of common stock.

On April 1, 2012, we completed the sale of the businesses comprising our former U.S. Pipe segment.

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Our principal executive offices are located at 1200 Abernathy Road N.E., Suite 1200, Atlanta, Georgia 30328, and our main telephone number at that address is (770) 206-4200.

Business Strategy

Our business strategy is to capitalize on the large, attractive and growing water infrastructure markets worldwide. Key elements of this strategy are as follows:

We will maintain our leadership positions with our customers and end users.

We will maintain our leadership positions with our customers and end users by leveraging our brand names and large installed base; our valve or fire hydrant products' specification in all of the largest 100 metropolitan areas in the United States; our established and extensive distribution channels; and our broad range of leading water infrastructure, flow control and piping component system products, as well as by developing and introducing additional products and services.

We will continue to enhance operational excellence.

We will continue to pursue superior product engineering, design and manufacturing by investing in technologically advanced manufacturing processes, such as lost foam casting and automated molding machinery. We will also seek opportunities to improve manufacturing efficiency safely by increasing the use of our manufacturing facility in China and continuing our other cost-reduction and efficiency initiatives. We will continue to expand the use of LEAN manufacturing and Six Sigma business improvement methodologies where appropriate to safely capture higher levels of quality, service and operational efficiency. We will also continue to evaluate outsourcing certain products wherever doing so will lower our costs while maintaining quality and service.

We will increase the breadth and depth of our products and services.

We will continue to focus on delivering value to our customers and end users by increasing the breadth and depth of our products and services. Further, through acquisition and internal development of proprietary technologies and intellectual capital, we will continue to enhance and develop products and services that will be recognized for their superior quality and reliability.

We will expand internationally.

We will selectively pursue attractive international opportunities, including potential acquisitions, that may enable us to enter new markets with growth potential, strengthen our current competitive positions, enhance our existing product and service offerings, expand our technological capabilities or provide synergy opportunities.

Description of Products and Services

We offer a broad line of water infrastructure, flow control and piping component system products primarily in the United States and Canada. Our principal products are water and gas valves, fire hydrants, metering products and systems and a broad range of pipe fittings, couplings and hangers. Our products are generally designed, manufactured and tested in compliance with industry standards.

We also offer leak detection and pipe condition assessment services through Mueller Co. Mueller Co.

Mueller Co.'s water products are manufactured to meet or exceed American Water Works Association ("AWWA") Standards and are certified to NSF 61 for potable water conveyance. In addition, many of these products carry Underwriters Laboratory ("UL") and Factory Mutual ("FM") approvals. These products are typically specified by the water utility for use in its system.

Water and Gas Valves and Related Products. Mueller Co. manufactures valves for water and gas systems, including iron gate, butterfly, tapping, check, plug and ball valves and sells these products under a variety of brand names, including Mueller and U.S. Pipe Valve and Hydrant. Water and gas valves and related products accounted for \$401.8 million, \$387.9 million and \$411.6 million of our gross sales during 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Our valve products are used to control transmission of potable water, non-potable water or gas. Water valve products typically range in size from ¾ inch to 36 inches in diameter, but we also manufacture significantly larger valves as custom order work through our Henry Pratt unit. Most of these valves are used in water distribution and water treatment

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We also produce small valves, meter bars and line stopper fittings for use in gas systems. In addition, we manufacture machines and tools for tapping, drilling, extracting, installing and stopping-off, which are designed to work with our water and gas fittings and valves as an integrated system.

Fire Hydrants. Mueller Co. manufactures dry-barrel and wet-barrel fire hydrants. Sales of fire hydrants and fire hydrant parts accounted for \$149.0 million, \$137.6 million and \$137.6 million of our gross sales in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. We sell fire hydrants for new water infrastructure development, fire protection systems and water infrastructure repair and replacement projects.

Our fire hydrants consist of an upper barrel and nozzle section and a lower barrel and valve section that connects to a water main. In dry-barrel hydrants, the valve connecting the barrel of the hydrant to the water main is located below ground at or below the frost line, which keeps the hydrant upper barrel dry. We sell dry-barrel fire hydrants with the Mueller and U.S. Pipe Valve and Hydrant brand names in the United States and the Mueller and Canada Valve brand names in Canada. We also make wet-barrel hydrants, where the valves are located in the hydrant nozzles and the barrel contains water at all times. Wet-barrel hydrants are made for warm weather climates in locations such as California and Hawaii and sold under the Jones brand name.

Most municipalities have a limited number of fire hydrant brands that are approved for installation within their system due to their desire to use the same tools and operating instructions across their system and to minimize inventories of spare parts. We believe that our large installed base of fire hydrants throughout the United States and Canada and our reputation for superior quality and performance, together with our incumbent specification position, have contributed to the leading positions of our fire hydrants. Our large installed base also leads to recurring sales as components of an installed hydrant are replaced.

Water technologies and other products and services. Mueller Co. manufactures a variety of intelligent water technology products under the Mueller Systems and Hersey Meters brand names that are designed to help water providers accurately measure water usage. These products include water meters, advanced metering infrastructure systems and automated meter reading products. These products have the capability to measure water usage ranging from small residential flows to large commercial and industrial applications.

Mueller Co. offers leak detection and pipe condition assessment products and services under the Echologics brand name and installation, replacement and maintenance services on new and existing valves, fire hydrants and service lines under the Mueller Service brand name. Services include wet taps, dry installs, line stops and main-to-meter connections with full excavation and refurbishment.

Other products include pipe repair products, such as clamps and couplings used to repair leaks and municipal castings, such as manhole covers and street drain grates. We sell these products under the Mueller and Jones brand names.

Anvil

Anvil products include a variety of fittings, couplings, hangers, valves and related pipe products for use in non-residential construction for industrial, HVAC, fire protection, energy and oil & gas applications. Anvil's net sales were \$371.5 million, \$359.1 million and \$346.9 million in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, of which \$94.7 million, \$87.9 million and \$100.3 million, respectively, were of products manufactured by third parties.

The majority of Anvil's products are not specified by an architect or an engineer, but are required to be manufactured to industry specifications, which could include material composition, tensile strength and various other requirements. Many products carry the UL, FM or other approval rating.

Fittings and Couplings. Anvil manufactures threaded and grooved pipe fittings and couplings. Pipe fittings and couplings join two pieces of pipe together. The five primary categories of pipe fittings and couplings that we manufacture are listed below.

Cast Iron Fittings. Cast iron is an economical threaded fittings material and is the standard used in the United States for low pressure applications, such as sprinkler systems and other fire protection systems. We believe that the substantial majority of our cast iron products are used in the fire protection industry, with the remainder used in steam and other HVAC applications.

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Malleable Iron Fittings and Unions. Malleable iron is a cast iron that is heat-treated to make it stronger, allowing a thinner wall and a lighter product. Malleable iron is primarily used to join pipe in various gas, plumbing and HVAC applications.

Grooved Fittings, Couplings and Valves. Grooved products use a threadless pipe-joining method that does not require welding.

Threaded Steel Pipe Couplings. Threaded steel pipe couplings are used by plumbing and electrical end users to join pipe and conduit and by pipe mills as threaded end protectors.

Nipples. Pipe nipples are used to expand or compress the flow between pipes of different diameters. The pipe nipples product line is a complementary product offering that is packaged with cast iron fittings for fire protection products, malleable iron fittings for industrial applications and our forged steel products for oil & gas and chemical applications. Pipe nipples are also general plumbing items.

Hangers. Anvil manufactures a broad array of pipe hangers and supports. Standard pipe hangers and supports are used in fire protection sprinkler systems and HVAC applications where the objective is to provide rigid support from the building structure. Special order, or engineered, pipe supports are used in power plants and petrochemical plants where the objective is to support a piping system that is subject to thermal, dynamic or seismic movement.

Other Products. Anvil also distributes other products, including forged steel pipe fittings, hammer unions, bull plugs and swage nipples used to connect pipe in oil & gas applications.

Sales, Marketing and Distribution

We sell primarily to distributors. Our distributor relationships are generally non-exclusive, but we attempt to align ourselves with key distributors in every market we serve. We believe that Mueller is the most recognized brand in the U.S. water infrastructure industry.

Mueller Co.

Mueller Co. sells its products, primarily through waterworks distributors, to a wide variety of end user customers, including municipalities, water and wastewater utilities, gas utilities, and fire protection and construction contractors. Sales of our products are heavily influenced by the specifications for the underlying projects. Approximately 13%, 14% and 15% of Mueller Co.'s net sales were to Canadian customers in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

At September 30, 2012, Mueller Co. had 118 sales representatives in the field and 117 inside marketing and sales professionals, as well as 130 non-employee manufacturers' representatives. In addition to calling on distributors, these representatives also call on municipalities, water companies and other end users to ensure that the products specified for their projects are our products or comparable to our products. Municipalities often require contractors to use the same products that have been historically used by that municipality.

Mueller Co.'s large installed base, broad product range and well-known brands have led to many long-standing relationships with the key distributors in the industries we serve. Our distribution network covers all of the major locations for our products in the United States and Canada. Although we have long-standing relationships with most of our key distributors, we typically do not have long-term contracts with them. We do not have written contracts with our two largest distributors, which together accounted for approximately 29%, 29% and 31% of Mueller Co.'s gross sales in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The loss of either of these distributors could have a material adverse effect on our business. See "Item 1A. RISK FACTORS-Our business depends on a small group of key distributors for a significant portion of our sales."

Anvil

Anvil sells its products primarily to distributors who then resell the products to a wide variety of end users, including commercial contractors. At September 30, 2012, Anvil's sales force consisted of 130 sales and customer service representatives and 21 independent sales representatives. Anvil ships products primarily from four major regional distribution centers, from which we are generally able to provide 24-hour turnaround. Approximately 7%, 7% and 14% of Anvil's net sales were to Canadian customers during 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Anvil sold its Canadian wholesale distribution business in January 2010.

Anvil generally does not have written contracts with its distributors, although it has long-standing relationships with most of its key distributors. Anvil's top five distributors together accounted for approximately 24%, 24% and 20% of Anvil's gross sales in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The loss of any one of these distributors could have a material adverse effect on our

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business. See “Item 1A. RISK FACTORS-Our business depends on a small group of key distributors for a significant portion of our sales.”

Backlog

Backlog is a meaningful indicator for the Henry Pratt and Mueller Systems units of Mueller Co. Henry Pratt manufactures valves and other parts for large projects that typically require design and build specifications. The delivery lead time for parts used for these projects can be as long as nine months. Mueller Systems manufactures water meters that are sometimes ordered in large quantities with sequential delivery dates over an extended time period. Backlog for Henry Pratt and Mueller Systems is presented below.

	September 30,	
	2012	2011
	(in millions)	
Henry Pratt	\$64.1	\$57.7
Mueller Systems	21.9	13.2

Manufacturing

See “Item 2. PROPERTIES” for a description of our principal manufacturing facilities.

We will continue to expand the use of LEAN manufacturing and Six Sigma business improvement methodologies where appropriate to safely capture higher levels of quality, service and operational efficiency.

Mueller Co.

At September 30, 2012, Mueller Co. operated ten manufacturing facilities in the United States, Canada and China. Our manufacturing operations include foundry, machining, fabrication, assembly, testing and painting operations. Not all facilities perform each of these operations. Our existing manufacturing capacity is sufficient for anticipated near-term requirements. We have no current plans to expand capacity.

Mueller Co. foundries use lost foam and green sand casting techniques. We utilize the lost foam technique for fire hydrant production in our Albertville, Alabama facility and for iron gate valve production in our Chattanooga, Tennessee facility. The lost foam technique has several advantages over the green sand technique for high-volume products, including a reduction in the number of manual finishing operations, lower scrap levels and the ability to reuse some of the materials. The selection of the appropriate casting technique, pattern, core-making equipment, sand and other raw materials depends on the final product and its complexity, specifications, function and production volume.

Anvil

At September 30, 2012, Anvil operated eight manufacturing facilities in the United States. Our manufacturing operations include foundry, heat treating, machining, fabricating, assembling, testing and painting operations. Not every facility performs each of these operations. Our foundry operations employ automated vertical and horizontal green sand molding equipment. Our products are made in a high volume production environment extensively using high-speed computer controlled machines and other automated equipment.

Purchased Components and Raw Materials

Our products are made using various purchased components and several basic raw materials, including scrap steel, sand, resin, brass ingot and steel pipe. Purchased parts and raw materials represented 34% and 16%, respectively, of cost of goods sold in 2012.

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Research and Development

Our primary research and development (“R&D”) facilities are located in Chattanooga, Tennessee and Middleborough, Massachusetts for Mueller Co. and in North Kingstown, Rhode Island for Anvil. The primary focus of these operations is to develop new products, improve and refine existing products and obtain and assure compliance with industry approval certifications or standards (such as AWWA, UL, FM and The Public Health and Safety Company). At September 30, 2012, we employed 86 people dedicated to R&D activities. R&D expenses were \$12.7 million, \$9.9 million and \$7.8 million during 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The increases in our R&D expense relate primarily to development of our newer water-technology products. We actively seek patent protection where possible to prevent copying of our proprietary products.

Patents, Licenses and Trademarks

We have active patents and trademarks relating to the design of our products and trademarks for our brands and products. We have filed and continue to file, when appropriate, patent applications used in connection with our business and products. Most of the patents for technology underlying our products have been in the public domain for many years, and we do not believe third-party patents individually or in the aggregate are material to our business. However, we consider the pool of proprietary information, consisting of expertise and trade secrets relating to the design, manufacture and operation of our products to be particularly important and valuable. We generally own the rights to the products that we manufacture and sell and we are not dependent in any material way upon any license or franchise to operate. See “Item 1A. RISK FACTORS-Any inability to protect our intellectual property and the expiration of our patents could adversely affect our competitive position.”

Seasonality

See “Item 1A. RISK FACTORS-Seasonal demand of certain of our products may adversely affect our financial results.” and “Item 7. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS-Effect of Inflation; Seasonality.”

Competition

The U.S. and Canadian markets for water infrastructure, flow control and piping component system products are very competitive. See “Item 1A. RISK FACTORS-Our markets are very competitive.” However, there are only a few competitors for most of our product offerings. Many of our competitors are well-established companies with strong brand recognition. We consider our installed base, product quality, customer service level, brand recognition, price, innovation, distribution and technical support to be competitive strengths.

The competitive environment for most Mueller Co. products is mature and many end users are slow to transition to brands other than their historically preferred brand. It is difficult to increase market share in this environment. We believe that Mueller Co. fire hydrants and valves enjoy strong competitive positions based largely on their installed base, product quality and brand recognition. Our principal competitors for fire hydrants and iron gate valves are McWane, Inc. and American Cast Iron Pipe Company. The primary competitors for our brass products are The Ford Meter Box Company, Inc. and A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co. Many brass valves are interchangeable among different manufacturers.

The markets for Anvil’s products are highly competitive, price sensitive and vulnerable to the increased acceptance of products produced in perceived lower-cost countries, such as China and India. We compete primarily on the basis of availability, service, price and breadth of product offerings. Our primary competitors are Ward Manufacturing L.L.C. for cast iron and malleable iron fittings, Victaulic Company and Tyco International Ltd. for ductile grooved fittings and ERICO International Corporation, Cooper Industries plc and Carpenter & Paterson, Inc. for pipe hangers. Our mechanical and industrial customers have been slower to accept products manufactured outside the United States than our fire protection customers.

Environmental Matters

See “Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS - Environmental.”

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Regulatory Matters

The production and marketing of our products and services are subject to the rules and regulations of various U.S. and non-U.S. federal, state and local agencies, including, but not limited to, rules and regulations concerning bribery, competition, environmental protection, international trade, our relationships with distributors and workplace health and safety. We are not aware of any pending rule or regulation that is likely to have a material adverse effect on our operations. See “Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.”

Employees

At September 30, 2012, we employed approximately 3,900 people, of whom approximately 86% work in the United States. At September 30, 2012, approximately 67% of our hourly workforce was covered by collective bargaining agreements.

Our locations with employees covered by such agreements are presented below.

Location	Expiration of current agreement(s)
Albertville, AL	September 2014
Aurora, IL	August 2015
Decatur, IL	June 2016
University Park, IL	April 2014
Bloomington, MN	March 2015
Columbia, PA	April 2014 and May 2014
Chattanooga, TN	September 2013 and October 2014
Henderson, TN	December 2015
St. Jerome, Canada	November 2014
Simcoe, Canada	November 2013

We believe that relations with our employees, including those represented by collective bargaining agreements, are good.

Geographic Information

See Note 17 to the consolidated financial statements in Part II, Item 8. “Financial Statements and Schedules”.

Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

Risks Relating to Our Business

Our end markets are subject to economic cycles.

Our primary end markets are municipal water distribution and treatment systems, the non-residential construction industry, the oil & gas industry and new water and wastewater infrastructure associated with new residential construction. Sustained uncertainty about these end markets could cause our distributors and our end use customers to delay purchasing, or determine not to purchase, our products or services. General economic and other factors, including high levels of unemployment and home foreclosures, interest rate fluctuations, fuel and other energy costs, labor and healthcare costs, the state of credit markets (including municipal bonds, mortgages, home equity loans and consumer credit), weather, natural disasters and other factors beyond our control, could adversely affect our sales, profitability and cash flows.

A significant portion of our business depends on spending for water and wastewater infrastructure construction activity.

A significant portion of our business depends on local, state and federal spending on water and wastewater infrastructure upgrade, repair and replacement. Funds for water and wastewater infrastructure repair and replacement typically come from local taxes or water rates, and the ability of state and local governments to increase taxes or water rates may be limited. In addition, state and local governments that do not budget for capital expenditures in setting tax rates and water rates may be unable to pay for water infrastructure repair and replacement if they do not have access to other funding sources. It is not unusual for water and wastewater projects to be delayed and rescheduled for a number

of reasons, including changes in project priorities and difficulties in complying with environmental and other governmental regulations.

Some state and local governments have placed or may place significant restrictions on the use of water by their constituents. These water use restrictions may lead to reduced water revenues by private water entities, municipalities or other governmental agencies, which could similarly affect funding decisions for water-related projects.

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Poor economic conditions may cause states, municipalities or private water entities to receive lower than anticipated revenues, which may lead to reduced or delayed funding for water infrastructure projects. Even if favorable economic conditions exist, water infrastructure owners may choose not to address deferred infrastructure needs due to a variety of political factors or competing spending priorities.

Low levels of spending for water and wastewater infrastructure construction activity could adversely affect our sales, profitability and cash flows.

Portions of our business depend on both non-residential and new residential construction activity.

A portion of our business depends on non-residential construction, which is cyclical. Low levels of non-residential construction activity could adversely affect our sales, profitability and cash flows.

In addition, a portion of our business depends on new water and wastewater infrastructure spending, which in turn largely depends on residential construction, which is cyclical and has historically represented a significant portion of our sales, profitability and cash flows. Our previously high level of exposure to the residential construction market caused us to be severely impacted by the U.S. economic downturn over the last several years. As the U.S. economy slowly recovers and the new homebuilding market improves, our residential construction-related business may lag any increased levels of new home construction.

Our business depends on a small group of key distributors for a significant portion of our sales.

We sell our products primarily to distributors and our success depends on these outside parties operating their businesses profitably and effectively. Their profitability and effectiveness can vary significantly from company to company and among different regional groups served by the same company. Further, our distributors generally also carry competing products. We may fail to align our operations with successful distributors in any given market.

Approximately 36% of our 2012 gross sales were to our 10 largest distributors, and approximately 22% of our 2012 gross sales were to our two largest distributors, Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. and HD Supply, Inc. In 2012, Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. and HD Supply, Inc. accounted for 14% and 15%, respectively, of gross sales for Mueller Co.

Distributors in our industry have experienced consolidation in recent years. If such consolidation continues, our distributors could be acquired by other distributors who have better relationships with our competitors. Pricing and profit margin pressure may also result if consolidation among distributors continues. Pricing and profit margin pressure or the loss of any one of our key distributors in any market could adversely affect our operating results.

Our business strategy includes acquiring and investing in companies and technologies that complement our existing business, which could be unsuccessful or consume significant resources and adversely affect our operating results.

We will continue to evaluate the acquisition of strategic business, technologies and product lines with the potential to strengthen our industry position or enhance our existing set of product and service offerings. We cannot assure that we will identify or successfully complete suitable acquisitions in the future or that completed acquisitions will be successful.

Acquisitions and technology investments may involve significant cash expenditures, debt incurrence, operating losses and expenses that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. These types of transactions involve numerous other risks, including:

- diversion of management time and attention from daily operations;
- difficulties integrating acquired businesses, technologies and personnel into our business;
- difficulties in obtaining and verifying full information regarding a business or technology prior to the consummation of the transaction, including the identification and assessment of liabilities, claims or other circumstances, including those relating to intellectual property claims, that could result in litigation or regulatory exposure;
- verifying the financial statements and other business information of an acquired business;
- inability to obtain required regulatory approvals and/or required financing on favorable terms;
- potential loss of key employees, key contractual relationships or key customers;
- increased operating expenses related to the acquired business or technologies;
- the failure of new technologies, products or services to gain market acceptance with acceptable profit margins;

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entering into new markets in which we have little or no experience or in which competitors may have stronger market positions;

dilution of interests of holders of our common shares through the issuance of equity securities or equity-linked securities; and

inability to achieve expected synergies.

Any acquisitions or investments may ultimately harm our business or financial condition, as such acquisitions may not be successful and may ultimately result in impairment charges.

Our markets are very competitive.

The U.S. and Canadian markets for water infrastructure and flow control products are very competitive. While there are only a few competitors for most of our product and service offerings, many of our competitors are well-established companies with strong brand recognition. We compete on the basis of a variety of factors, including the quality, price and innovation of our products and services. Anvil's products in particular also compete on availability and breadth of product offerings and are sold in fragmented markets with low barriers to entry. Our ability to retain our customers in the face of competition depends on our ability to market our products and services to our customers effectively.

In addition to competition from U.S. companies, we face the threat of competition from companies from other countries. The intensity of competition from these companies is affected by fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar against their local currencies, by the cost to ship competitive products into North America and by the availability of trade remedies. Competition may also increase as a result of U.S. competitors shifting their operations to lower-cost countries or otherwise reducing their costs.

Our competitors may reduce the prices of their products or services, improve their quality, improve their functionality or enhance their marketing or sales activities. Any of these potential developments could adversely affect our sales, profitability and cash flows.

Disruptions in our supply chain and other factors affecting the distribution of our products could adversely affect our business.

A disruption within our logistics or supply chain network, including a work stoppage at any of the freight companies that deliver our products to our customers, could adversely affect our business and result in lost sales or damage to our reputation. Such a disruption could adversely affect our financial performance or financial condition.

Transportation costs are relatively high for most of our products.

Transportation costs can be an important factor in a customer's purchasing decision. Our valve and hydrant products are generally big, bulky and heavy, which tend to increase transportation costs. We also have relatively few manufacturing sites, which tends to increase transportation distances to our customers and costs. High transportation costs could make our products less competitive compared to similar or alternative products offered by competitors. We typically depend on rail, barge and trucking systems to deliver our products to customers. While our customers typically arrange and pay for transportation from our factory to the point of use, disruption of these transportation services because of weather-related problems, strikes, lock-outs or other events could temporarily impair our ability to supply our products to our customers, thereby adversely affecting our sales, profitability and cash flows.

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Normal operations at our key manufacturing facilities may be interrupted.

Some of our key products, including fire hydrants and valves, are manufactured at single or few manufacturing facilities that depend on critical pieces of heavy equipment that cannot be economically moved to other locations. We are therefore limited in our ability to shift production between locations. The operations at our manufacturing facilities may be interrupted or impaired by various operating risks, including, but not limited to:

- catastrophic events, such as fires, floods, explosions, natural disasters, severe weather or other similar occurrences;
- interruptions in the delivery of raw materials or other manufacturing inputs;
- adverse government regulations;
- equipment breakdowns or failures;
- information systems failures;
- violations of our permit requirements or revocation of permits;
- releases of pollutants and hazardous substances to air, soil, surface water or ground water;
- shortages of equipment or spare parts;
- labor disputes; and
- terrorist acts.

The occurrence of any of these events may impair our production capabilities and adversely affect our sales, profitability and cash flows.

We manage our business as a decentralized organization.

We have two business segments that operate under a decentralized organizational structure. Our operations have different business practices, accounting policies, internal controls, procedures and compliance programs. Further, we may need to modify existing programs and processes to increase efficiency and operating effectiveness and improve corporate visibility into our decentralized operations. We also regularly update compliance programs and processes to comply with existing laws, new interpretations of existing laws and new laws and we may not implement those modifications effectively. It could take time for any such modifications to be implemented across our operations. During the implementation periods, our decentralized operating approach could result in inconsistent management practices and procedures, which could adversely affect our business. Once achieved, it may also be difficult to maintain operational consistency across our organization.

Any inability to protect our intellectual property and the expiration of our patents could adversely affect our competitive position.

Our business depends on our technology and expertise, which were largely developed internally and are not subject to statutory protection. We rely on a combination of patent protection, copyright and trademark laws, trade secrets protection, employee and third party confidentiality agreements and technical measures to protect our intellectual property rights. The measures that we take to protect our intellectual property rights may not adequately deter infringement, misappropriation or independent third-party development of our technology, and they may not prevent an unauthorized third party from obtaining or using information or intellectual property that we regard as proprietary or keep others from using brand names similar to our own. The disclosure, misappropriation or infringement of our intellectual property could harm our competitive position. In addition, our actions to enforce our rights may result in substantial costs and the diversion of management time and other resources. We may also be subject to intellectual property infringement claims from time to time, which may result in our incurring additional expenses and diverting resources to respond to these claims. Finally, for those products in our portfolio that rely on patent protection, once a patent has expired the product is generally open to competition. Products under patent protection usually generate significantly higher revenue and earnings than those not protected by patents. If we fail to successfully enforce our intellectual property rights or register new patents, our competitive position could suffer, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

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If we do not successfully maintain and/or upgrade our information and technology networks, or if we are unable to maintain the security of our information and technology networks, our operations could be disrupted.

We rely on various information technology systems to manage various aspects of our operations. We are continuously upgrading and consolidating our systems, including making changes to legacy systems, replacing legacy systems with successor systems with new functionality and acquiring new systems with new functionality. These types of activities subject us to inherent costs and risks associated with replacing and changing these systems, including impairment of our ability to fulfill customer orders, potential disruption of our internal control structure, substantial capital expenditures, additional administration and operating expenses, retention of sufficiently skilled personnel to implement and operate the systems, demands on management time and other risks and costs of delays or difficulties in transitioning to new systems or of integrating new systems into our current systems. Our system implementations may not result in productivity improvements at a level that outweighs the costs of implementation, or at all. In addition, the implementation of new technology systems may adversely affect our business and operations.

We depend on the Internet and our information technology infrastructure for electronic communications among our locations around the world and between our personnel and suppliers and customers. Security breaches of this infrastructure can create system disruptions, shutdowns or unauthorized disclosure of confidential information. If we are unable to prevent such breaches, our operations could be disrupted or we may suffer financial damage or loss because of lost or misappropriated information.

We are subject to a variety of claims and litigation that could cause our results of operations to be adversely affected and our reputation to suffer.

In the normal course of our business, we are subject to claims and lawsuits, including from time to time claims for damages related to product liability and warranties, litigation alleging the infringement of intellectual property rights and litigation related to employee matters and commercial disputes. The defense of these lawsuits may divert our management's attention, and we may incur significant expenses in defending these lawsuits. In addition, we may be required to pay damage awards or settlements, or become subject to injunctions or other equitable remedies, that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. If we were required to participate in a product recall or take other action to address a product liability or other claim, our reputation could suffer. Moreover, any insurance or indemnification rights that we have may be insufficient or unavailable to protect us against potential loss exposures.

We rely on successors to Tyco to indemnify us for certain liabilities and they may become financially unable or fail to comply with the terms of the indemnity.

Under the terms of the acquisition agreement relating to the August 1999 sale by Tyco of the Mueller Co. and Anvil businesses to the prior owner of these businesses, we are indemnified by certain Tyco entities ("Tyco Indemnitors") for all liabilities arising in connection with the operation of these businesses prior to their sale by Tyco, including with respect to products manufactured or sold prior to the closing of that transaction, as well as certain environmental liabilities. These indemnities survive indefinitely and are not subject to any dollar limits. In the past, Tyco Indemnitors have made substantial payments and assumed defense of claims in connection with these indemnification obligations. Since 2007, Tyco has engaged in multiple corporate restructurings, split-offs and divestitures. While none of these transactions directly affects the indemnification obligations of the Tyco Indemnitors under the 1999 acquisition agreement, the result of such transactions is that the assets of, and control over, such Tyco Indemnitors has changed. Should any of these Tyco Indemnitors become financially unable or fail to comply with the terms of the indemnity, we may be responsible for such obligations or liabilities.

Our expenditures for pension obligations are significant and could be materially higher than we have predicted.

We provide pension benefits to certain current and former employees. In determining our future payment obligations under the plans, we assume certain rates of return on the plan assets and growth rates of certain costs. We contributed \$21.3 million, \$23.3 million and \$23.0 million in 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, to our pension plans. At September 30, 2012, the market value of our pension plan assets was \$387.1 million, which represents an 86% funded status. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 ("PPA") incents U.S. plans to be fully funded by 2015. PPA funded status is assessed annually on January 1. At January 1, 2012, the funded status of our U.S. plan was 103%.

Assumed discount rates and expected return on plan assets have a significant effect on the amounts reported for the pension obligations and pension expense. Significant adverse changes in credit and capital markets or changes in investments could result in discount rates or actual rates of return on plan assets being materially lower than projected and increased pension expense in future years to meet funding level requirements. If increased funding requirements are particularly

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significant and sustained, our overall liquidity could be materially reduced, which could force us to reduce investments and capital expenditures, sell assets, seek additional capital or restructure or refinance our debt.

Failure to attract, motivate, train and retain qualified personnel could adversely affect our business. We also rely on certain key personnel, the loss of whose services would adversely affect our business.

Our ability to expand or maintain our business depends on our ability to hire, train and retain employees with the skills necessary to understand and adapt to the continuously developing needs of our customers. The increasing demand for qualified personnel makes it more difficult for us to attract and retain employees with requisite skill sets. If we fail to attract, motivate, train and retain qualified personnel, or if we experience excessive turnover, we may experience declining sales, manufacturing delays or other inefficiencies, increased recruiting, training and relocation costs and other difficulties, and our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially and adversely affected. In addition, our business depends on the efforts, skills, reputations and business relationships of certain key personnel who are not obligated to remain employed with us. The loss of these personnel could jeopardize our relationships with customers and may adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash flows from operating activities to service all of our debt.

Our business may not generate cash flows from operating activities in an amount sufficient to enable us to pay our debt or to fund our other debt service obligations. If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be forced to reduce investments and capital expenditures, sell assets, seek additional capital, or restructure or refinance our debt. However, we may not be able to accomplish these actions on satisfactory terms, or at all. In addition, these actions, if accomplished, could adversely affect the operation and growth of our business.

Covenants in our debt instruments may adversely affect us.

Our debt instruments contain various covenants that limit our ability to engage in certain transactions that might be beneficial. The indentures governing our notes restrict our ability to, among other things, borrow money or issue preferred stock, pay dividends, make certain types of investments and other restricted payments, create liens, sell certain assets or merge with or into other companies, engage in sale and leaseback transactions and enter into certain transactions with affiliates. Our asset based lending agreement also requires the maintenance of a specified amount of excess availability when our fixed charge coverage ratio is below a certain level.

The prices of our purchased components and raw materials can be volatile.

Our operations require substantial amounts of purchased components and raw materials, such as scrap steel, sand, resin, brass ingot and steel pipe. We generally purchase components and raw materials at current market prices. Purchased parts and raw materials represented 34% and 16%, respectively, of cost of goods sold in 2012. The cost and availability of these materials are subject to economic forces largely beyond our control, including North American and international demand, foreign currency exchange rates, freight costs and speculation. Mueller Co. experienced a 3% decrease in the average cost per ton of scrap steel and a 5% decrease in the average cost of brass ingot purchased in the 2012 compared to 2011. Anvil experienced a 5% increase in the average cost per ton of scrap steel purchased in 2012 compared to 2011.

We may not be able to pass on the entire cost of price increases for purchased components and raw materials to our customers or offset fully the effects of these higher costs through productivity improvements. In particular, when purchased component or raw material prices increase rapidly or to significantly higher than normal levels, we may not be able to pass cost increases through to our customers on a timely basis, if at all, which would reduce our profitability and cash flows. In addition, if purchased components or raw materials were not available or not available on commercially reasonable terms, that would reduce our sales, profitability and cash flows. Our competitors could operate better under different market conditions than we do, which could give them a cost advantage compared to us. We may be affected by new governmental legislation and regulations relating to carbon dioxide emissions.

Many of our manufacturing plants use significant amounts of electricity generated by burning fossil fuels, which releases carbon dioxide. Federal and state courts and administrative agencies are considering the scope and scale of carbon dioxide emission regulation under various laws pertaining to the environment, energy use and development

and greenhouse gas emissions. For example, although various attempts to pass comprehensive legislation reducing carbon emissions have been unsuccessful in the United States, the EPA has proceeded with regulating carbon emissions from stationary sources under existing law. In addition, several states are considering various carbon dioxide registration and reduction programs. The final details and scope of these various legislative, regulatory and policy measures are unclear and their potential impact is still uncertain, so we cannot fully predict the impact on our business.

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The potential impacts of climate change on our operations are highly uncertain. The EPA has found that global climate change could increase the severity and possibly the frequency of severe weather patterns. Although the financial impact of these potential changes is not reasonably estimable at this time, our operations in certain locations and those of our customers and suppliers could potentially be adversely affected, which could adversely affect our profitability and cash flows.

We are subject to environmental, health and safety laws and regulations.

We are subject to various laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment and human health and safety and must incur capital and other expenditures to comply with these requirements. Failure to comply with any environmental, health or safety requirements could result in the assessment of damages, the imposition of penalties, suspension of production, changes to equipment or processes or a cessation of operations at our facilities. Because these laws are complex, subject to change and may be applied retroactively, these requirements, in particular as they change in the future, may adversely affect our sales, profitability and cash flows.

In addition, we incurred costs to comply with the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants issued by the EPA for iron and steel foundries and for our foundries' painting operations. We may be required to conduct investigations and perform remedial activities that could require us to incur material additional costs. Our operations involve the use of hazardous substances and the disposal of hazardous wastes. We may incur additional costs to manage these substances and wastes, and we may be subject to claims for damage for personal injury, property damage or damage to natural resources.

Our former U.S. Pipe subsidiary has been identified as a potentially responsible party liable under federal environmental laws for a portion of the cleanup costs with regard to two sites and is currently subject to an administrative consent order requiring certain monitoring and cleanup with regard to a property in New Jersey. Such cleanup costs could be substantial and, since we remain responsible for these potential liabilities, could adversely affect our profitability and cash flows in any given reporting period.

Seasonal demand of certain of our products may adversely affect our financial results.

Sales of some of our products, including valves and fire hydrants, are seasonal, with lower sales in our first and second fiscal quarters when weather conditions throughout most of North America tend to be cold resulting in lower levels of construction activity. This seasonality in demand has resulted in fluctuations in our sales and operating results. To satisfy demand during expected peak periods, we may incur costs associated with inventory build-up, and our projections as to future needs may not be accurate. Because many of our expenses are fixed, seasonal trends can cause reductions in our profitability and profit margins and deterioration of our financial condition during periods affected by lower production or sales activity.

Potential international business opportunities may expose us to additional risks.

A part of our growth strategy depends on us expanding internationally. Although net sales outside of the United States and Canada have historically accounted for a small percentage of our total net sales, we expect to increase our level of business activity outside of the United States and Canada. Some countries that present good business opportunities also face political and economic instability and vulnerability to infrastructure and other disruptions. Seeking to expand our business internationally exposes us to additional risks, which include political and economic uncertainties, currency fluctuations, changes in local business conditions and national and international conflicts. A primary risk that we face in connection with our export orders relates to our ability to collect amounts due from customers. We also face the potential risks that arise from staffing, monitoring and managing international operations, including the risk that such activities may divert our resources and management time.

In addition, compliance with the laws and regulations of multiple international jurisdictions increases our cost of doing business. International operations also are subject to anti-corruption laws and anti-competition regulations, among others. For example, the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and similar foreign anti-corruption laws generally prohibit companies and their intermediaries from making improper payments or providing anything of value to improperly influence foreign government officials and certain others for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business, or obtaining an unfair advantage. Violations of these laws and regulations could result in severe criminal and civil sanctions, could disrupt our business and adversely affect our brands, our international expansion efforts, our

business and our operating results.

Any failure to satisfy international trade compliance regulations may adversely affect us.

Our operations require importing and exporting goods and technology between countries on a regular basis. From time to time, we obtain or receive information alleging improper activity in connection with our imports or exports. Our policy mandates strict compliance with U.S. and non-U.S. trade laws applicable to our products. If we receive information alleging improper activity, our policy is to investigate that information and respond appropriately, including, if warranted, reporting our

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findings to relevant governmental authorities. Nonetheless, we cannot provide assurance that our policies and procedures will always protect us from actions that would violate U.S. and/or non-U.S. laws. Any improper actions could subject us to civil or criminal penalties, including material monetary fines, or other adverse actions, including denial of import or export privileges, and could damage our reputation and our business prospects.

A material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting could lead to errors in our financial statements and a lack of investor confidence and a resulting decline in our stock price.

In connection with changes to our internal controls over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2012, management discovered errors in the classification of cash flows as between those from continuing operations and those from discontinued operations. These errors related to the classification of deferred income tax and retirement plan adjustments in determining net cash used in operating activities due to designating our U.S. Pipe segment as discontinued operations in our consolidated financial statements during the quarter ended March 31, 2012. Specifically, net cash used in operating activities was overstated by \$8.0 million for the six months ended March 31, 2011 and by \$10.0 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2011, as presented in our Quarterly Reports filed on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2012, respectively. Net cash used in discontinued operations was understated by these same amounts for these periods. As a result of these errors, management concluded that as of March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2012 our internal control over financial reporting and our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective. In connection with this determination, management also concluded that we had a material weakness, at those dates, in these controls. We remediated this material weakness during the quarter ended September 30, 2012.

In addition, management determined that a non-cash adjustment of \$2.5 million was necessary to increase certain health and welfare accrued liabilities and related expenses at September 30, 2011. This adjustment did not result in any material misstatement of any previously issued financial statements. As a result of this adjustment, management concluded that we had a material weakness in our period end consolidating process for reconciling certain health and welfare accrued liability accounts. Consequently, management concluded that we had not maintained effective internal control over financial reporting. We remediated this material weakness during the quarter ended December 31, 2011 by changing our period end consolidating account reconciliation process related to these accounts.

The fact that we have previously identified material weaknesses could lead investors to question the reliability and accuracy of our reported financial information and could adversely impact the market price of our common stock.

Risks Relating to Our Relationship with Walter Energy

We may have substantial additional liability for federal income tax allegedly owed by Walter Energy.

Each member of a consolidated group for federal income tax purposes is severally liable for the federal income tax liability of each other member of the consolidated group for any year in which it is a member of the group at any time during such year. Each member of the Walter Energy consolidated group, which included us (including our subsidiaries) through December 14, 2006, is also jointly and severally liable for pension and benefit funding and termination liabilities of other group members, as well as certain benefit plan taxes. Accordingly, we could be liable under such provisions in the event any such liability is incurred, and not discharged, by any other member of the Walter Energy consolidated group for any period during which we were included in the Walter Energy consolidated group.

A dispute exists with regard to federal income taxes for years 1980 to 1994 and 1999 to 2001 allegedly owed by the Walter Energy consolidated group, which included U.S. Pipe during these periods. As a matter of law, we are jointly and severally liable for any final tax determination, which means that in the event Walter Energy is unable to pay any amounts owed, we would be liable.

The tax allocation agreement between us and Walter Energy allocates to us certain tax risks associated with the Spin-off.

Walter Energy effectively controlled all of our tax decisions for periods during which we were a member of the Walter Energy consolidated federal income tax group and certain combined, consolidated or unitary state and local income tax groups. Under the terms of the income tax allocation agreement between us and Walter Energy dated

May 26, 2006, we generally compute our tax liability on a stand-alone basis, but Walter Energy has sole authority to respond to and conduct all tax proceedings (including tax audits) relating to our federal income and combined state returns, to file all such returns on our behalf and to determine the amount of our liability to (or entitlement to payment from) Walter Energy for such periods. This arrangement may result in conflicts of interests between us and Walter Energy. In addition, the tax allocation agreement provides that if the Spin-off is determined not to be tax-free pursuant to Section 355 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as

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amended, we generally will be responsible for any taxes incurred by Walter Energy or its shareholders if such taxes result from certain of our actions or omissions and for a percentage of any such taxes that are not a result of our actions or omissions or Walter Energy's actions or omissions or taxes based on our market value relative to Walter Energy's market value. Additionally, to the extent that Walter Energy was unable to pay taxes, if any, attributable to the Spin-off and for which it is responsible under our tax allocation agreement, we could be liable for those taxes as a result of being a member of the Walter Energy consolidated federal income tax group for the year in which the Spin-off occurred. Walter Energy's income tax returns for the year in which the Spin-off occurred are still open for federal examination.

Item 2. PROPERTIES

Our principal properties are listed below.

Location	Activity	Size (sq. ft.)	Owned or leased
Mueller Co.:			
Albertville, AL	Manufacturing	422,000	Leased
Aurora, IL	Manufacturing and distribution	230,000	Owned
Decatur, IL	Manufacturing	467,000	Owned
Hammond, IN	Manufacturing	51,000	Owned
Cleveland, NC	Manufacturing	190,000	Owned
Chattanooga, TN	Manufacturing and research and development	547,000	Owned
Cleveland, TN	Manufacturing	40,000	Owned
Brownsville, TX	Manufacturing	108,000	Leased
Barrie, Ontario	Distribution	50,000	Leased
St. Jerome, Quebec	Manufacturing	55,000	Owned
Jingmen, China	Manufacturing	154,000	Owned
Anvil:			
Ontario, CA	Distribution	73,000	Leased
University Park, IL	Distribution	192,000	Leased
Bloomington, MN	Distribution	105,000	Owned
Columbia, PA	Manufacturing and distribution	663,000	Owned
Greencastle, PA	Manufacturing	133,000	Owned
Waynesboro, PA	Manufacturing	73,000	Owned
North Kingstown, RI	Manufacturing and research and development	167,000	Leased
Henderson, TN	Manufacturing	180,000	Owned
Houston, TX	Manufacturing and distribution	105,000	Owned
Irving, TX	Distribution	218,000	Leased
Longview, TX	Manufacturing	114,000	Owned
Simcoe, Ontario	Distribution	126,000	Owned
Corporate:			
Atlanta, GA	Corporate headquarters	25,000	Leased

We consider our facilities to be well maintained and believe we have sufficient capacity to meet our anticipated needs through 2013. Our leased properties have terms expiring at various dates through August 2019.

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Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are involved in various legal proceedings that have arisen in the normal course of operations, including the proceedings summarized below. The effect of the outcome of these matters on our future results of operations cannot be predicted with certainty as any such effect depends on future results of operations and the amount and timing of the resolution of such matters. Other than the litigation described below, we do not believe that any of our outstanding litigation would have a material adverse effect on our business or prospects.

Environmental. We are subject to a wide variety of laws and regulations concerning the protection of the environment, both with respect to the operations at many of our properties and with respect to remediating environmental conditions that may exist at our own or other properties. We strive to comply with federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations. We accrue for environmental expenses resulting from existing conditions that relate to past operations when the costs are probable and reasonably estimable. These expenses were \$1.7 million, \$1.3 million and \$1.3 million during 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively. We capitalize environmental expenditures that increase the life or efficiency of long-term assets or that reduce or prevent environmental contamination. Capital expenditures for environmental requirements are anticipated to be approximately \$1 million during 2013. Capitalized environmental-related expenditures were \$0.7 million, \$0.5 million and \$0.5 million during 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

In the acquisition agreement pursuant to which a predecessor to Tyco sold our Mueller Co. and Anvil businesses to the prior owners of these businesses in August 1999, Tyco agreed to indemnify us and our affiliates, among other things, for all “Excluded Liabilities.” Excluded Liabilities include, among other things, substantially all liabilities relating to the time prior to August 1999, including environmental liabilities. The indemnity survives indefinitely. Tyco's indemnity does not cover liabilities to the extent caused by us or the operation of our businesses after August 1999, nor does it cover liabilities arising with respect to businesses or sites acquired after August 1999. Since 2007, Tyco has engaged in multiple corporate restructurings, split-offs and divestitures. While none of these transactions directly affects the indemnification obligations of the Tyco Indemnitors under the 1999 acquisition agreement, the result of such transactions is that the assets of, and control over, such Tyco Indemnitors has changed. Should any of these Tyco Indemnitors become financially unable or fail to comply with the terms of the indemnity, we may be responsible for such obligations or liabilities.

In September 1987, we implemented an Administrative Consent Order (“ACO”) for our Burlington, New Jersey property, which was required under the New Jersey Environmental Cleanup Responsibility Act (now known as the Industrial Site Recovery Act). The ACO required soil and ground-water cleanup, and we completed, and received final approval on, the soil cleanup required by the ACO. We retained this property related to the sale of our former U.S. Pipe segment. We expect ground-water issues as well as issues associated with the demolition of former manufacturing facilities at this site will continue and remediation by us could be required. Long-term ground-water monitoring may also be required, but we do not know how long such monitoring would be required and do not believe monitoring or further remediation costs, if any, will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

On July 13, 2010, Rohcan Investments Limited (“Rohcan”), the former owner of property leased by Mueller Canada Ltd. and located in Milton, Ontario, filed suit against Mueller Canada Ltd. and its directors seeking C\$10 million in damages arising from the defendants' alleged environmental contamination of the property and breach of lease. Mueller Canada Ltd. leased the property from 1988 through 2008. We are pursuing indemnification from a former owner for certain potential liabilities that are alleged in this lawsuit, and we have accrued for other liabilities not covered by indemnification. On December 7, 2011, the Court denied the plaintiff's motion for summary judgment. **Other Matters.** We are party to a number of other lawsuits arising in the ordinary course of business, including product liability cases for products manufactured by us or third parties. We provide for costs relating to these matters when a loss is probable and the amount is reasonably estimable. Administrative costs related to these matters are expensed as incurred. The effect of the outcome of these matters on our future results of operations cannot be predicted with certainty as any such effect depends on future results of operations and the amount and timing of the resolution of such matters. While the results of litigation cannot be predicted with certainty, we believe that the final outcome of

such other litigation is not likely to have a materially adverse effect on our business or prospects.

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PART II

Item MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND
5. ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol MWA.

Covenants contained in certain of the debt instruments referred to in Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements restrict the amount we can pay in cash dividends. Future dividends will be declared at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on our future earnings, financial condition and other factors.

The range of high and low intraday sales prices of our common stock and the dividends declared per share is presented below.

	High	Low	Dividends per share
2012:			
4th quarter	\$4.93	\$3.33	\$0.0175
3rd quarter	4.06	3.12	0.0175
2nd quarter	3.57	2.47	0.0175
1st quarter	3.15	1.96	0.0175
2011:			
4th quarter	\$4.09	\$1.94	\$0.0175
3rd quarter	4.80	3.49	0.0175
2nd quarter	4.73	3.61	0.0175
1st quarter	4.45	2.80	0.0175

At September 30, 2012, there were 132 stockholders of record for our common stock.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The information regarding our compensation plans under which equity securities are authorized for issuance is set forth in "Item 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS."

Sale of Unregistered Securities

We did not issue any unregistered securities within the past three years.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

We did not repurchase shares of our common stock in the quarter ended September 30, 2012.

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Stock Price Performance Graph

The following graph compares the cumulative quarterly stock market performance of our common stock with the Russell 2000 Stock Index (“Russell 2000”) and the Dow Jones U.S. Building Materials & Fixtures Index (“DJ Building Materials & Fixtures”) since September 30, 2007.

Total return values were calculated based on cumulative total return assuming (i) the investment of \$100 in our common stock, the Russell 2000 and the DJ Building Materials & Fixtures on the dates indicated and (ii) reinvestment of all dividends.

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Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The selected financial and other data presented below should be read in conjunction with, and are qualified by reference to, “Item 7. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS” and the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this annual report.

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
	(in millions, except per share data)				
Statement of operations data:					
Net sales	\$1,023.9	\$964.6	\$959.7	\$1,017.0	\$1,313.3
Cost of sales	752.8	716.5	700.6	754.4	918.1
Gross profit	271.1	248.1	259.1	262.6	395.2
Selling, general and administrative expenses	204.2	191.8	188.8	203.5	231.7
Restructuring	2.8	3.6	0.6	6.2	—
Impairment ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	911.4	—
Interest expense, net	59.9	65.6	68.0	78.4	72.3
Loss on early extinguishment of debt, net	1.5	—	4.6	3.8	—
Income (loss) before income taxes	2.7	(12.9	) (2.9	) (940.7	) 91.2
Income tax expense (benefit)	7.9	(2.9	) 2.5	(53.5	) 38.0
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(5.2	) (10.0	) (5.4	) (887.2	) 53.2
Discontinued operations ⁽²⁾	(103.2	) (28.1	) (39.8	) (109.5	) (11.2
Net income (loss)	\$(108.4	) \$(38.1	) \$(45.2	) \$(996.7	) \$42.0
Net income (loss) per basic share:					
Continuing operations	\$(0.03	) \$(0.07	) \$(0.03	) \$(7.61	) \$0.46
Discontinued operations	(0.66	) (0.18	) (0.26	) (0.94	) (0.10
Net income (loss)	\$(0.69	) \$(0.25	) \$(0.29	) \$(8.55	) \$0.36
Net income (loss) per diluted share:					
Continuing operations	\$(0.03	) \$(0.07	) \$(0.03	) \$(7.61	) \$0.46
Discontinued operations	(0.66	) (0.18	) (0.26	) (0.94	) (0.10
Net income (loss)	\$(0.69	) \$(0.25	) \$(0.29	) \$(8.55	) \$0.36
Weighted average shares outstanding:					
Basic	156.5	155.3	154.3	116.6	115.1
Diluted	156.5	155.3	154.3	116.6	115.5
Balance sheet data (at September 30):					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$83.0	\$61.0	\$84.0	\$61.6	\$185.6
Working capital	321.5	404.0	452.7	525.3	755.6
Property, plant and equipment, net	144.7	145.7	157.0	178.8	193.9
Assets held for sale	—	249.7	260.0	281.2	465.9
Total assets	1,240.9	1,485.0	1,568.2	1,739.5	3,090.2
Total debt	622.8	678.3	692.2	740.2	1,095.5
Long-term liabilities	841.3	911.2	979.2	1,082.0	1,466.4
Liabilities held for sale	—	56.9	41.1	55.4	1.1
Total liabilities	1,009.7	1,106.0	1,162.9	1,303.2	1,761.3

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Stockholders' equity	231.2	379.0	405.3	436.3	1,328.9
Other data (year ended September 30):					
Depreciation and amortization ⁽³⁾	60.6	63.1	65.6	69.0	70.4
Capital expenditures ⁽³⁾	31.4	23.1	21.8	28.5	29.6
Cash dividends declared per share	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07

In 2009, goodwill was determined to be fully impaired resulting in charges of \$717.3 million for Mueller Co., and (1) \$92.7 million for Anvil. Mueller Co.'s trademarks and trade names were determined to be partially impaired resulting in a charge of \$101.4 million.

(2) In 2012, we sold our former U.S. Pipe segment. U.S. Pipe's results of operations have been reclassified as discontinued operations and its assets and liabilities reclassified as held for sale for all periods presented.

(3) Excludes discontinued operations.

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Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto that appear elsewhere in this annual report.

Overview

Organization

On October 3, 2005, Walter Energy acquired all outstanding shares of capital stock representing the Mueller Co. and Anvil businesses and contributed them to its U.S. Pipe business to form the Company. In June 2006, we completed an initial public offering of 28,750,000 shares of Series A common stock and in December 2006, Walter Energy distributed to its shareholders all of its equity interests in the Company, consisting of all of the Company's outstanding shares of Series B common stock. On January 28, 2009, each share of Series B common stock was converted into one share of Series A common stock and the Series A designation was discontinued.

The businesses comprising our former U.S. Pipe segment were sold effective April 1, 2012.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, whenever we refer to a particular year, we mean the fiscal year ended or ending September 30 in that particular calendar year. We manage our business and report operations through two business segments: Mueller Co. and Anvil, based largely on the products sold and the customers served.

Business

Overall, we think the signs we are seeing in our water markets are mostly positive, giving us more confidence that our markets have stabilized and we could see some continued growth.

Most of the net sales of Mueller Co. are for municipal or residential construction water infrastructure projects in the United States.

Spending on water infrastructure is based on the condition of the infrastructure systems and access to funding from existing resources, the issuance of debt, higher tax rates or higher water rates. Water authorities may find it challenging to increase tax or water rates. We believe the general municipal spending environment continues to remain stable although budget pressures and economic uncertainty persist. According to U.S. Census Bureau data at September 30, 2012, state and local tax receipts grew at over 3% year-over-year for the fifth consecutive quarter. While both are showing improving trends, local tax receipt improvement is weaker than improvement in state tax receipts.

We believe residential construction activity measures indicate the housing market may be stabilizing. U.S. Census Bureau data for housing starts, on a seasonally adjusted annualized basis, indicates that housing starts in September 2012 represented the ninth consecutive month of greater than 700,000 units. September 2012 housing permit activity was above 800,000 units for the first time since September 2008. Furthermore, September 2012 single family housing starts were above 500,000 units for the sixth consecutive month and the 603,000 units reported was the highest since August 2000.

As another potential future indicator, U.S. Census Bureau data shows housing permits in September 2012 were close to 900,000 seasonally adjusted annualized units and represented the highest level since July 2008. Total permits in September 2012 grew by 45%, while single family permits reached their highest level since July 2008 and grew 27% on a year-over-year basis.

We believe an improving housing market would also bolster municipalities' fiscal condition, since local governments benefit from increased property taxes as well as connection and other ancillary fees associated with residential construction.

Most of Anvil's net sales are driven by commercial construction, which we expect to be essentially flat with the possibility of higher spending in some segments in 2013. We also believe spending in the oil & gas market will increase in the second half of 2013.

Hurricane Sandy inflicted significant damage in the northeastern United States, particularly upon making landfall on October 29, 2012. The operations at our facilities in North Kingstown, Rhode Island and Columbia, Greencastle and Waynesboro, Pennsylvania were temporarily interrupted by the effects of the hurricane. It is too early to quantify any

potential impact, whether favorable or unfavorable, Hurricane Sandy may have on our results.

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There continues to be growing concerns about the potential impact of the “fiscal cliff” arising from the combination of tax increases and automatic spending cuts scheduled to take effect at the end of calendar 2012 and in early calendar 2013 in the United States. A failure by Congress to act to avert or delay these tax increases and spending cuts could negatively affect the overall economy and our primary end markets. In particular, these changes could increase the level of uncertainty among our customers and end users, which could cause them to delay or cancel purchases of our products and services.

Our U.S. pension plan was 103% funded at January 1, 2012 under the provisions of the PPA. This reflects the revised governmental guidance of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (“MAP-21”). The total market value of our U.S. pension plan assets was \$375.8 million and \$321.1 million at September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. During 2012, the investment performance of these assets was a gain of \$57.3 million and we contributed \$21.3 million to this plan. As a result of the MAP-21 changes, we do not expect to make any contributions to our U.S. pension plan during 2013. For financial reporting purposes, our pension plan obligations were 86% funded at September 30, 2012. If we lower our estimated rate of return on pension plan assets, pension expense and required contributions to these plans may increase.

Results of Operations

Year Ended September 30, 2012 Compared to Year Ended September 30, 2011

	Year ended September 30, 2012			
	Mueller Co. (in millions)	Anvil	Corporate	Total
Net sales	\$652.4	\$371.5	\$—	\$1,023.9
Gross profit	\$162.8	\$108.3	\$—	\$271.1
Operating expenses:				
Selling, general and administrative	102.6	70.7	30.9	204.2
Restructuring	2.5	0.3	—	2.8
	105.1	71.0	30.9	207.0
Operating income (loss)	\$57.7	\$37.3	\$(30.9)	64.1)
Interest expense, net				59.9
Loss on early extinguishment of debt				1.5
Loss before income taxes				2.7
Income tax expense				7.9
Loss from continuing operations				(5.2)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax				(103.2)
Net loss				\$(108.4)
	Year ended September 30, 2011			
	Mueller Co. (in millions)	Anvil	Corporate	Total
Net sales	\$605.5	\$359.1	\$—	\$964.6
Gross profit	\$147.0	\$101.1	\$—	\$248.1
Operating expenses:				
Selling, general and administrative	91.8	68.1	31.9	191.8
Restructuring	1.4	1.2	1.0	3.6
	93.2	69.3	32.9	195.4
Operating income (loss)	\$53.8	\$31.8	\$(32.9)	52.7)
Interest expense, net				65.6
Loss before income taxes				(12.9)
Income tax benefit				(2.9)

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Loss from continuing operations	(10.0)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	(28.1)
Net income (loss)	\$(38.1)

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Consolidated Analysis

Net sales for 2012 increased to \$1,023.9 million from \$964.6 million in 2011. Net sales increased \$34.6 million due to higher shipment volumes and \$27.1 million due to higher pricing.

Gross profit for 2012 increased to \$271.1 million from \$248.1 million in 2011. Gross profit increased primarily due to \$27.1 million in higher sales prices and manufacturing cost savings, partially offset by increased raw material costs.

Gross margin was 26.5% in 2012 and 25.7% in 2011.

Selling, general and administrative expenses in 2012 increased to \$204.2 million from \$191.8 million in 2011. As a percentage of net sales, selling, general and administrative expenses was 19.9% in each year.

Interest expense, net was \$59.9 million in 2012 compared to \$65.6 million in the prior year period. The components of interest expense, net are detailed below.

	2012	2011
	(in millions)	
7.375% Senior Subordinated Notes	\$31.0	\$31.0
8.75% Senior Unsecured Notes	19.3	20.0
Interest rate swap contracts	5.0	8.0
ABL Agreement borrowings	1.1	1.9
Deferred financing fees amortization	2.3	2.3
Other interest expense	1.5	2.7
	60.2	65.9
Interest income	(0.3	) (0.3
	\$59.9	\$65.6

Interest expense included expenses related to terminated interest rate swap contracts. The losses on these contracts were initially recorded in other comprehensive loss and were being amortized to interest expense over the original lives of the swap contracts. At September 30, 2012, all deferred swap contract expenses were fully recognized.

Interest expense excluding the effects of the interest rate swap contracts decreased by \$2.7 million primarily due to reduced borrowing levels.

Income tax expense for 2012 includes \$5.9 million expense related to a valuation allowance provided on deferred tax assets existing at the beginning of the year. In 2012 and 2011, the remaining other differences between income tax expense and the amount expected using the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35% relate primarily to state taxes and non-deductible compensation.

Segment Analysis

Mueller Co.

Net sales in 2012 increased to \$652.4 million from \$605.5 million in 2011 primarily due to increased shipment volumes.

Gross profit in 2012 increased to \$162.8 million from \$147.0 million in 2011 primarily due to manufacturing and other cost savings, higher sales prices and higher shipment volumes, partially offset by higher raw material costs.

Gross margin increased to 25.0% in 2012 compared to 24.3% in 2011 primarily due to lower manufacturing costs.

Excluding restructuring charges, operating income in 2012 was \$60.2 million compared to \$55.2 million in 2011. This increase was primarily due to increased gross profit of \$15.8 million partially offset by higher selling, general and administrative expenses of \$10.8 million. Expenses associated with the development of our newer technology products contributed to the higher selling, general and administrative expenses.

Anvil

Net sales in 2012 increased to \$371.5 million from \$359.1 million in 2011 due to higher pricing partially offset by a decline in shipment volumes.

Gross profit in 2012 increased to \$108.3 million from \$101.1 million in 2011 due primarily to higher sales prices, which were partially offset by higher raw material costs. Gross margin was 29.2% in 2012 compared to 28.2% in 2011. Gross margin improved primarily as a result of higher sales prices.

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Excluding restructuring charges, operating income in 2012 increased to \$37.6 million from \$33.0 million in 2011, driven primarily by the increased gross profit. As a percentage of net sales, selling, general and administrative expenses was 19.0% in each year.

Corporate

Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased to \$30.9 million in 2012 from \$31.9 million in 2011 primarily due to lower employee-related costs.

Year Ended September 30, 2011 Compared to Year Ended September 30, 2010

	Year ended September 30, 2011			
	Mueller Co.	Anvil	Corporate	Total
	(in millions)			
Net sales	\$605.5	\$359.1	\$—	\$964.6
Gross profit	\$147.0	\$101.1	\$—	\$248.1
Operating expenses:				
Selling, general and administrative	91.8	68.1	31.9	191.8
Restructuring	1.4	1.2	1.0	3.6
	93.2	69.3	32.9	195.4
Operating income (loss)	\$53.8	\$31.8	\$(32.9)	) 52.7
Interest expense, net				65.6
Loss before income taxes				(12.9)
Income tax benefit				(2.9)
Loss from continuing operations				(10.0)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax				(28.1)
Net loss				\$(38.1)
	Year ended September 30, 2010			
	Mueller Co.	Anvil	Corporate	Total
	(in millions)			
Net sales	\$612.8	\$346.9	\$—	\$959.7
Gross profit	\$170.3	\$88.8	\$—	\$259.1
Operating expenses:				
Selling, general and administrative	89.2	66.2	33.4	188.8
Restructuring	0.1	0.5	—	0.6
	89.3	66.7	33.4	189.4
Operating income (loss)	\$81.0	\$22.1	\$(33.4)	) 69.7
Interest expense, net				68.0
Loss on early extinguishment of debt, net				4.6
Loss before income taxes				(2.9)
Income tax expense				2.5
Loss from continuing operations				(5.4)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax				(39.8)
Net loss				\$(45.2)

Consolidated Analysis

Net sales for 2011 increased to \$964.6 million from \$959.7 million in 2010. Net sales increased \$30.0 million after excluding the net sales of two businesses Anvil divested in 2010 for \$25.1 million. Net sales increased \$30.6 million due to higher pricing across both business segments and \$5.2 million of favorable Canadian currency exchange rates offset by \$5.8 million of lower shipment volumes.

Gross profit for 2011 decreased to \$248.1 million from \$259.1 million in 2010. Gross profit decreased \$25.1 million due to higher raw material costs, \$6.4 million due to higher manufacturing costs, \$6.2 million due to lower shipment volumes and \$5.5 million due to the loss of gross profit from the divested Anvil businesses. These factors were mostly offset by \$30.6

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million of higher sales pricing. Gross margin was 25.7% in 2011 and 27.0% in 2010. The biggest contributor to lower gross margin in 2011 was higher raw material costs.

Selling, general and administrative expenses in 2011 increased to \$191.8 million from \$188.8 million in 2010.

Mueller Co. increased \$2.6 million, Anvil increased \$1.9 million and Corporate decreased \$1.5 million.

Interest expense, net was \$65.6 million in 2011 compared to \$68.0 million in the prior year period. The components of interest expense, net are detailed below.

	2011	2010
	(in millions)	
7.375% Senior Subordinated Notes	\$31.0	\$31.0
8.75% Senior Unsecured Notes	20.0	2.0
2007 Credit Agreement, including swap contracts	8.0	28.8
ABL Agreement borrowings	1.9	0.2
Deferred financing fees amortization	2.3	2.9
Other interest expense	2.7	3.4
	65.9	68.3
Interest income	(0.3	) (0.3
	\$65.6	\$68.0

Interest expense in both 2011 and 2010 included net expenses of \$8.0 million related to terminated interest rate swap contracts. The losses on these swap contracts were initially recorded in other comprehensive loss and amortized to interest expense over the original lives of the swap contracts. Interest expense decreased by \$2.4 million primarily due to a lower effective interest rate.

Loss on early extinguishment of debt in 2010 represents writing off deferred financing fees pursuant to debt prepayments.

In 2011 and 2010, the differences between income tax benefit (expense) reported and those expected using the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35% related primarily to state income taxes and non-deductible compensation as well as a \$2.2 million expense related to the repatriation of earnings from Canada for 2010. After the divestiture of a Canadian business early in 2010, we determined the Canadian operations no longer needed approximately \$21 million of cash, which we repatriated.

Segment Analysis

Mueller Co.

Net sales in 2011 decreased to \$605.5 million from \$612.8 million in 2010. Net sales decreased due to \$30.8 million of lower shipment volumes, partially offset by \$18.9 million of higher pricing and \$4.6 million of favorable Canadian currency exchange rates.

Gross profit in 2011 decreased to \$147.0 million from \$170.3 million in 2010. Gross profit decreased \$17.1 million due to higher raw material costs, \$13.7 million due to higher net manufacturing costs and \$12.2 million due to lower shipment volumes. Higher net manufacturing costs consisted primarily of generally comparable fixed costs allocated over lower production levels in 2011, which were offset by certain manufacturing and other cost savings. These factors were partially offset primarily by \$18.9 million of higher sales pricing. Gross margin decreased to 24.3% in 2011 compared to 27.8% in 2010. Gross margin decreased primarily due to higher manufacturing costs.

Excluding restructuring charges, operating income in 2011 was \$55.2 million compared to \$81.1 million in 2010. This decrease was primarily due to decreased gross profit of \$23.3 million and higher selling, general and administrative expenses of \$2.6 million. Expenses associated with the development of our newer technology products contributed to the higher selling, general and administrative expenses.

Anvil

Net sales in 2011 increased to \$359.1 million from \$346.9 million in 2010. Net sales increased \$37.3 million excluding net sales of \$25.1 million of two divested businesses in 2010. Net sales increased \$25.0 million due to higher shipment volumes and \$11.7 million due to higher pricing.

Gross profit in 2011 increased to \$101.1 million from \$88.8 million in 2010. Gross profit increased \$11.7 million due to

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higher sales pricing, \$7.3 million from manufacturing and other cost savings and \$6.0 million from higher shipment volumes. These factors were partially offset primarily by \$8.0 million of higher raw material costs and the loss of \$5.5 million of gross profit from the divested businesses. Gross margin was 28.2% in 2011 compared to 25.6% in 2010. Gross margin improved primarily as a result of manufacturing and other cost savings.

Excluding restructuring charges, operating income in 2011 increased to \$33.0 million from \$22.6 million in 2010.

Selling, general and administrative expenses in 2010 included \$4.4 million of gains from the sale of two businesses.

Excluding these gains, operating income increased \$14.8 million due to \$12.3 million of higher gross profit and \$4.4 million of lower selling, general and administrative expenses, as a result of expenses related to the divested businesses and \$1.9 million of higher selling, general and administrative expenses related to ongoing operations due to higher net sales.

Corporate

Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased to \$31.9 million in 2011 from \$33.4 million in 2010 primarily due to lower employee-related costs.

Financial Condition

Cash and cash equivalents were \$83.0 million at September 30, 2012 compared to \$61.0 million at September 30, 2011. Cash and cash equivalents increased during 2012 as a result of cash provided by operating activities of \$76.8 million and cash provided by discontinued operations of \$44.2 million, partially offset by cash used in investing and financing activities of \$32.4 million and \$68.1 million, respectively. Cash and cash equivalents also increased \$1.5 million during 2012 due to changes in currency exchange rates.

Receivables, net were \$166.1 million at September 30, 2012 compared to \$147.4 million million at September 30, 2011. Receivables at September 30, 2012 represented approximately 53.8 days net sales compared to September 30, 2011 receivables representing approximately 52.4 days net sales.

Inventories were \$183.2 million at September 30, 2012 compared to \$175.9 million at September 30, 2011. We continue improving our processes to minimize inventory levels. Inventory turns per year at September 30, 2012 were 4.2x compared to 3.8x at September 30, 2011.

Property, plant and equipment, net was \$144.7 million at September 30, 2012 compared to \$145.7 million at September 30, 2011. Capital expenditures were \$31.4 million and depreciation expense was \$31.2 million in 2012.

Identifiable intangible assets were \$573.7 million at September 30, 2012 compared to \$602.4 million at September 30, 2011. Finite-lived intangible assets, \$274.0 million of net book value at September 30, 2012, are amortized over their estimated useful lives. Such amortization expense was \$29.4 million during 2012 and is expected to be between \$20 million and \$30 million for each of the next five years. Indefinite-lived identifiable intangible assets, \$299.7 million at September 30, 2012, are not amortized, but tested at least annually for possible impairment.

Accounts payable and other current liabilities were \$167.3 million at September 30, 2012 compared to \$137.0 million at September 30, 2011. Increased payables relate primarily to increased purchasing activity in the 2012 fourth quarter compared to the 2011 fourth quarter.

Outstanding borrowings were \$622.8 million at September 30, 2012 compared to \$678.3 million at September 30, 2011. The decrease of \$55.5 million during 2012 represents repayments of \$34.0 million of borrowings under our asset based lending agreement (the "ABL Agreement") and early retirement of \$22.5 million in principal of our 8.75% Senior Unsecured Notes.

Deferred income taxes were net liabilities of \$113.2 million at September 30, 2012 compared to net liabilities of \$125.5 million at September 30, 2011. Deferred tax assets decreased by \$14.0 million, which was primarily related to increased valuation allowances against state and federal net operating losses partially offset by net increases relating to various other items. Deferred tax liabilities related to property, plant and equipment and identifiable intangible assets were \$212.3 million and \$238.6 million at September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The sale of our former U.S. Pipe segment was the most significant driver of these deferred tax changes.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

We had cash and cash equivalents of \$83.0 million and \$140.5 million of additional borrowing capacity under our ABL Agreement at September 30, 2012.

Cash flows from operating activities are categorized below.

	2012	2011
	(in millions)	
Collections from customers	\$1,005.4	\$951.0
Disbursements, other than interest and income taxes	(882.2	) (839.5
Interest payments, net	(53.3	) (54.8
Income tax refunds (payments), net	6.9	(4.6
Cash provided by operating activities	\$76.8	\$52.1

Collections of receivables were higher during 2012 compared to 2011 due primarily to higher net sales in 2012.

Increased disbursements, other than interest and income taxes, during 2012 reflect timing differences of material, labor and overhead purchased.

We sold our former U.S. Pipe segment on April 1, 2012. We believe there are purchase price adjustments related to net working capital and net indebtedness that would increase our cash proceeds by \$9.2 million. However, the purchaser has claimed purchase price adjustments related to net working capital and net indebtedness that would reduce our cash proceeds by \$4.8 million. This dispute will be resolved by an independent auditor who has been selected by the parties, and we cannot make a reliable estimate of what the resolution may be. The resolution of the purchase price adjustments dispute will likely result in a cash settlement within the range described above and an adjustment to our recorded loss on sale of discontinued operations.

Capital expenditures were \$31.4 million during 2012 compared to \$23.1 million during 2011. We estimate 2013 capital expenditures to be between \$30 million and \$34 million. In 2011, Mueller Co. acquired Echologics, a water leak detection and pipe condition and diagnostic assessment company, for \$7.4 million.

Our U.S. pension plan was 103% funded at January 1, 2012 under the provisions of the PPA. This reflects the revised governmental guidance of MAP-21. During 2012, the investment performance of these assets was a gain of \$57.3 million and we contributed \$21.3 million to this plan. As a result of our MAP-21 changes, we do not expect to make any contributions to our U.S. pension plan during 2013. If we lower our estimated rate of return on pension plan assets, pension expense and required contributions to these plans may increase.

We anticipate that our existing cash, cash equivalents and borrowing capacity combined with our expected operating cash flows will be sufficient to meet our anticipated operating expenses, capital expenditures and debt service obligations as they become due through September 30, 2013. However, our ability to make these payments will depend partly upon our future operating performance, which will be affected by general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory, business and other factors beyond our control.

ABL Agreement

The ABL Agreement consists of a revolving credit facility of up to \$275 million of revolving credit borrowings, swing line loans and letters of credit. The ABL Agreement also permits us to increase the size of the credit facility by an additional \$150 million. We may borrow up to \$25 million through swing line loans and have up to \$60 million of letters of credit outstanding.

Borrowings under the ABL Agreement bear interest at a floating rate equal to LIBOR plus a margin ranging from 275 to 325 basis points, or a base rate as defined in the ABL Agreement plus a margin ranging from 175 to 225 basis points. At September 30, 2012, the applicable rate was LIBOR plus 300 basis points.

The ABL Agreement terminates in August 2015 and we had no outstanding borrowings at September 30, 2012. We pay a commitment fee of 50 basis points for any unused borrowing capacity under the ABL Agreement. The borrowing capacity under the ABL Agreement is not subject to any financial maintenance covenants unless excess availability is less than the greater of \$34 million and 12.5% of the aggregate commitments under the ABL Agreement. Excess availability, as reduced by outstanding borrowings, outstanding letters of credit and accrued fees and expenses of \$37.8 million, was \$140.5 million based on September 30, 2012 data.

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The ABL Agreement is subject to mandatory prepayments if total outstanding borrowings under the ABL Agreement are greater than the aggregate commitments under the revolving credit facility or if we dispose of overdue accounts receivable in certain circumstances. The borrowing base under the ABL Agreement is equal to the sum of (a) 85% of the value of eligible accounts receivable and (b) the lesser of (i) 65% of the value of eligible inventory or (ii) 85% of the net orderly liquidation value of the value of eligible inventory, less certain reserves. Prepayments can be made at any time with no penalty.

Substantially all of our U.S. subsidiaries are borrowers under the ABL Agreement and are jointly and severally liable for any outstanding borrowings. Our obligations under the ABL Agreement are secured by a first-priority perfected lien on all of our U.S. inventory, accounts receivable, certain cash and other supporting obligations.

The ABL Agreement contains customary negative covenants and restrictions on our ability to engage in specified activities, such as:

- limitations on other debt, liens, investments and guarantees;
- restrictions on dividends and redemptions of our capital stock and prepayments and redemptions of debt; and
- restrictions on mergers and acquisition, sales of assets and transaction with affiliates.

8.75% Senior Unsecured Notes

We owed \$202.5 million of principal of 8.75% Senior Unsecured Notes at September 30, 2012. Interest on the Senior Unsecured Notes is paid semi-annually and the principal is due September 2020. We may redeem up to \$22.5 million of the Senior Unsecured Notes at a redemption price of 103% plus accrued and unpaid interest once in the year ending September 1, 2013. We may also redeem up to \$56.3 million of the original issued principal amount of the Senior Unsecured Notes at a redemption price of 108.75%, plus accrued and unpaid interest, with the net cash proceeds from certain equity offerings prior to September 2013, provided that at least \$146.2 million remains outstanding immediately after such redemption. After August 2015, the Senior Unsecured Notes may be redeemed at specified redemption prices plus accrued and unpaid interest. Upon a "Change of Control" (as defined in the indenture securing the Senior Unsecured Notes), we are required to offer to purchase the outstanding Senior Unsecured Notes at a purchase price of 101%, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The Senior Unsecured Notes are essentially guaranteed by all of our U.S. subsidiaries, but are subordinate to borrowings under the ABL Agreement.

7.375% Senior Subordinated Notes

We also owed \$420 million of principal of 7.375% Senior Subordinated Notes ("Senior Subordinated Notes") at September 30, 2012. Interest on the Senior Subordinated Notes is payable semi-annually and the principal is due June 2017. We may redeem any portion of the Senior Subordinated Notes at specified redemption prices plus accrued and unpaid interest, subject to restrictions in the Senior Unsecured Notes. Upon a "Change of Control" (as defined in the indenture securing the Senior Subordinated Notes), we are required to offer to purchase the outstanding Senior Subordinated Notes at 101%, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The Senior Subordinated Notes are secured by the guarantees of essentially all of our U.S. subsidiaries, but are subordinate to the borrowings under the ABL Agreement and the Senior Unsecured Notes.

Our corporate credit rating and the credit rating for our debt are presented below.

	September 30, 2012		September 30, 2011	
	Moody's	Standard & Poor's	Moody's	Standard & Poor's
Corporate credit rating	B3	B	B3	B
ABL Agreement	Not rated	Not rated	Not rated	Not rated
8.75% Senior Unsecured Notes	B2	B+	B2	B+
7.375% Senior Subordinated Notes	Caa2	CCC+	Caa2	CCC+
Outlook	Positive	Stable	Stable	Stable

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. In addition, we do not have any undisclosed borrowings or debt or any derivative contracts other than those described in “Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk” or synthetic leases. Therefore, we are not exposed to any financing, liquidity, market or credit risk that could

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have arisen had we engaged in such relationships.

We use letters of credit and surety bonds in the ordinary course of business to ensure the performance of contractual obligations. At September 30, 2012, we had \$37.6 million of letters of credit and \$43.7 million of surety bonds outstanding.

Contractual Obligations

Our contractual obligations at September 30, 2012 are presented below.

	Less than 1 year (in millions)	1-3 years	4-5 years	After 5 years	Total
Long-term debt:					
Principal payments ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1.1	\$ 1.6	\$ 420.2	\$ 202.5	\$ 625.4
Interest	48.9	97.7	97.5	53.2	297.3
Operating leases	6.6	9.8	6.4	2.2	25.0
Unconditional purchase obligations ⁽²⁾	59.2	0.1	—	—	59.3
Other noncurrent liabilities ⁽³⁾	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.5	1.2
	\$ 116.0	\$ 109.5	\$ 524.3	\$ 258.4	\$ 1,008.2

(1) The long-term debt balance at September 30, 2012 is net of \$2.6 million of unamortized discount on the 8.75% Senior Unsecured Notes.

(2) Includes contractual obligations for purchases of raw materials and capital expenditures.

(3) Consists of obligations for other postretirement benefits and represents the estimated minimum payments required to meet obligations. Required pension contributions for 2013 are less than \$1 million. Actual payments may differ. We have not estimated required pension contributions beyond 2013.

Effect of Inflation; Seasonality

We experience changing price levels related to purchased components and raw materials. Mueller Co. experienced a 3% decrease in the average cost per ton of scrap steel and a 5% decrease in the average cost of brass ingot purchased in the 2012 compared to 2011. Anvil experienced a 5% increase in the average cost per ton of scrap steel purchased in 2012 compared to 2011.

We do not believe that changing prices for other goods had a material impact on our financial position or results of operations in 2012 compared to 2011.

Our water infrastructure business is dependent upon construction activity, which is seasonal due to the impact of cold weather conditions on construction. Net sales and operating income have historically been lowest in the three-month periods ending December 31 and March 31 when the northern United States and all of Canada generally face weather conditions that restrict significant construction activity. In general, approximately 45% of a fiscal year's net sales occurs in the first half of the fiscal year with 55% occurring in the second half of the fiscal year. See "Item 1A. RISK FACTORS-Seasonal demand of certain of our products may adversely affect our financial results."

Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. These estimates are based upon experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates. We consider an accounting estimate to be critical if changes in the estimate that are reasonably likely to occur over time or the use of reasonably different estimates could have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations. We consider the accounting topics presented below to include our critical accounting

estimates.

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Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue when delivery of a product has occurred and there is persuasive evidence of a sales arrangement, sales prices are fixed and determinable and collectability from the customers is reasonably assured. Sales are recorded net of estimated discounts, returns and rebates. Discounts, returns and rebates are estimated based upon current offered sales terms and actual historical return and allowance rates.

Receivables

The estimated allowance for doubtful receivables is based upon judgments and estimates of expected losses and specific identification of problem accounts. Significantly weaker than anticipated industry or economic conditions could impact customers' ability to pay such that actual losses may be greater than the amounts provided for in this allowance. The periodic evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful receivables is based on an analysis of prior collection experience, specific customer creditworthiness and current economic trends within the industries served. In circumstances where a specific customer's inability to meet its financial obligation is known to us (e.g., bankruptcy filings or substantial downgrading of credit ratings), we record a specific allowance to reduce the receivable to the amount we reasonably believe will be collected.

Inventories

We record inventories at the lower of first-in, first-out method cost or market value. Inventory cost includes an overhead component that can be affected by levels of production and actual costs incurred. We evaluate the need to record adjustments for impairment of inventory at least quarterly. This evaluation includes such factors as anticipated usage, inventory turnover, inventory levels and ultimate product sales value. Inventory that, in the judgment of management, is obsolete or in excess of our normal usage is written-down to its estimated market value, if less than its cost. Significant judgments must be made when establishing the allowance for obsolete and excess inventory.

Income Taxes

We recognize deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements or tax returns. Deferred tax liabilities and assets are determined based on the differences between the financial statements and the tax basis of assets and liabilities, using enacted tax rates in effect for the years in which the differences are expected to reverse. A valuation allowance is provided to offset any net deferred tax assets if, based upon the available evidence, it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. If we were to reduce our estimates of future taxable income, we could be required to record additional valuation allowances against our deferred tax assets. Our tax balances are based on our expectations of future operating performance, tax planning strategies, interpretation of the tax regulations currently enacted and rulings in numerous tax jurisdictions.

We only record tax benefits for positions that we believe are more likely than not of being sustained under audit examination based solely on the technical merits of the associated tax position. The amount of tax benefit recognized for any position that meets the more likely than not threshold is the largest amount of the tax benefit that we believe is greater than 50% likely of being realized.

Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets Including Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

We test goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment annually (or more frequently if events or circumstances indicate possible impairment). We performed this annual impairment testing at September 1, with the assistance of a valuation specialist, and concluded that our indefinite-lived intangible assets were not impaired. We tested the indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment using a "royalty savings method," which is a variation of the discounted cash flow method. This method estimates a fair value by calculating an estimated discounted future cash flow stream from the hypothetical licensing of the indefinite-lived intangible assets. If this estimated fair value exceeds the carrying value, no impairment is indicated. This analysis is dependent on management's best estimates of future operating results and the selection of reasonable discount rates and hypothetical royalty rates. Significantly different projected operating results could result in a different conclusion regarding impairment. No impairments would have been indicated for any discount rates and hypothetical royalty rates consistent with standard valuation methodologies considered reasonable by management.

Other long-lived assets, including finite-lived intangible assets, are amortized over their respective estimated useful lives and reviewed for impairment if events or circumstances indicate possible impairment.

We tested U.S. Pipe's amortizing long-lived assets, principally property, plant and equipment, for possible impairment at September 30, 2011 due to U.S. Pipe's then-recent financial performance and the exploration of strategic alternatives for our U.S. Pipe businesses. As required by GAAP, we performed this test on a "held and used" basis using management's best

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estimate of probability-weighted undiscounted future cash flows of various alternatives. We concluded that U.S. Pipe's amortizing long-lived assets were not impaired at September 30, 2011 on a "held and used" basis. As our efforts to sell U.S. Pipe proceeded, we concluded that U.S. Pipe qualified for treatment as "held for sale" during the quarter ended March 31, 2012. Accordingly, we evaluated U.S. Pipe's long-lived assets for impairment and concluded that an impairment was indicated at that time.

Litigation, Investigations and Claims

We are involved in litigation, investigations and claims arising out of the normal conduct of our business. We estimate and accrue liabilities resulting from such matters based on a variety of factors, including outstanding legal claims and proposed settlements; assessments by internal counsel of pending or threatened litigation; and assessments of potential environmental liabilities and remediation costs. We believe we have adequately accrued for these potential liabilities; however, facts and circumstances may change and could cause the actual liability to exceed the estimates, or may require adjustments to the recorded liability balances in the future.

Workers Compensation, Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits, Environmental and Other Long-term Liabilities

We are obligated for various liabilities that will ultimately be determined over what could be a very long future time period. We established the recorded liabilities for such items at September 30, 2012 using estimates for when such amounts will be paid and what the amounts of such payments will be. These estimates are subject to change based on numerous factors, including among others, regulatory changes, technology changes, the investment performance of related assets, the discount rate used, the lifespan of plan participants and other individuals and changes to plan designs.

Item 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to various market risks, which are potential losses arising from adverse changes in market rates and prices, such as various commodity prices, interest rates, foreign exchange rates. We do not enter into derivatives or other financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

Our primary financial instruments are cash and cash equivalents. This includes cash in banks and highly rated, liquid money market investments. We believe that those instruments are not subject to material potential near-term losses in future earnings from reasonably possible near-term changes in market rates or prices.

Commodity Price Risk

Our products are made using various purchased components and several basic raw materials, including scrap steel, sand, resin, brass ingot and steel pipe. Price levels for such goods change and our product margins and level of profitability may fluctuate if we do not pass changes in purchased component and raw material costs to our customers. We do not believe that changing prices for other goods had a material impact on our financial position or results of operations in 2012 compared to 2011. We expect these prices to fluctuate based on marketplace demand. Mueller Co. experienced a 3% decrease in the average cost per ton of scrap steel and a 5% decrease in the average cost of brass ingot purchased in the 2012 compared to 2011. Anvil experienced a 5% increase in the average cost per ton of scrap steel purchased in 2012 compared to 2011. See "Item 1A. RISK FACTORS-The prices of our purchased components and raw materials can be volatile."

We used natural gas swap contracts to hedge against cash flow variability arising from changes in natural gas prices, but terminated our natural gas swap contracts after the sale of U.S. Pipe.

Interest Rate Risk

At September 30, 2012, we had fixed rate debt of \$622.8 million and no variable rate debt. There would be no impact on pre-tax earnings or cash flows resulting from a 100 basis point increase in interest rates on variable rate debt, holding other variables constant.

Currency Risk

We maintain assets and operations in Canada and, to a much lesser extent, China, and Europe that use local currency as their functional currency. The assets and liabilities of non-U.S. subsidiaries are translated into U.S. dollars at currency exchange rates in effect at the end of each period, with the effect of such translation reflected in other

comprehensive loss. Our stockholders' equity will fluctuate depending upon the weakening or strengthening of the U.S. dollar against these non-U.S.

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currencies. Net sales and expenses of non-U.S. subsidiaries are translated into U.S. dollars at the average currency exchange rate during the period. At September 30, 2012, \$66.3 million of our net assets were denominated in non-U.S. currencies.

We also have relatively small amounts of receivables and payables denominated in currencies other than an entity's functional currency. Changes in currency exchange rates between when these balances originate and when they are settled result in foreign exchange gains and losses that are recognized as they occur.

Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

The Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, our Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements that are filed as part of this annual report are listed under "Item 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES" and are set forth on pages F-1 through F-44 immediately following the signature pages of this annual report.

Selected quarterly financial data for 2012 and 2011 are provided in Note 20 of the notes to consolidated financial statements.

Item 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

Item 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this annual report. Based on this evaluation, those officers have concluded that, as of September 30, 2012, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act). Internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

We assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2012. In making this assessment, we used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in Internal Control - Integrated Framework. After doing so, management concluded that, as of September 30, 2012, our internal control over financial reporting was effective.

The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting at September 30, 2012 has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which is included in this annual report.

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Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

During the quarter ended September 30, 2012, we changed our internal control over financial reporting and our disclosure controls and procedures by enhancing these controls with additional review procedures, including reviews by a more highly skilled and experienced manager, to help ensure appropriate classification of cash flows from operating activities as between those from continuing operations and those from discontinued operations in prior periods.

In connection with these control changes, we discovered errors that had been made earlier in the classification of cash flows as between those from continuing operations and those from discontinued operations. These errors, which were reported on a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 23, 2012, had no impact on any consolidated balance sheet, consolidated statement of operations and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in stockholders' equity, debt compliance covenant or employee compensation metric for any period. These errors also had no impact on any consolidated statement of cash flows information for any period other than the six months ended March 31, 2011 and the nine months ended June 30, 2011 as presented in our Quarterly Reports filed on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2012, respectively.

These errors related to the classification of deferred income tax and retirement plan adjustments in determining net cash used in operating activities due to designating our U.S. Pipe segment as discontinued operations in our condensed consolidated financial statements during the quarter ended March 31, 2012. Specifically, net cash used in operating activities was overstated by \$8.0 million and \$10.0 million for the six months ended March 31, 2011 and nine months ended June 30, 2011, respectively. Net cash used in discontinued operations was understated by these same amounts for these periods. Corrected unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for these periods are presented in Note 22 of the consolidated financial statements included in this annual report and, in addition, were reported in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 23, 2012.

As a result of these errors, management concluded that as of March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2012 our internal control over financial reporting and our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective. In connection with this determination, management also concluded that we had a material weakness as of March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2012 in these controls related to classification of cash flows as between those from continuing operations and those from discontinued operations related solely to the prior period cash flow statements as presented for comparative purposes. At the same time, in light of the enhancement of our internal control over financial reporting and our disclosure controls and procedures during the fourth quarter of 2012, management concluded that such weakness had been remediated as of September 30, 2012.

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PART III

Item 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The name, age at November 15, 2012 and position of each of our executive officers and directors are presented below.

Name	Age	Position
Gregory E. Hyland	61	Chairman of the board of directors, President and Chief Executive Officer
Keith L. Belknap	54	Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary
Robert D. Dunn	55	Senior Vice President, Human Resources
Thomas E. Fish	57	President, Anvil
Evan L. Hart	47	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Robert P. Keefe	58	Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer
Kevin G. McHugh	54	Vice President and Controller
Gregory S. Rogowski	53	President, Mueller Co.
Marietta Edmunds Zakas	53	Senior Vice President, Strategy, Corporate Development and Communications
Howard L. Clark, Jr.	68	Director
Shirley C. Franklin	67	Director
Thomas J. Hansen	63	Director
Jerry W. Kolb	76	Director
Joseph B. Leonard	69	Director
Mark J. O'Brien	69	Director
Bernard G. Rethore	71	Director
Neil A. Springer	74	Director
Lydia W. Thomas	68	Director
Michael T. Tokarz	62	Director

Gregory E. Hyland has been Chairman of the board of directors since October 2005 and President and Chief Executive Officer since January 2006. Mr. Hyland was Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Walter Energy, a homebuilding, financial services and natural resources company, from September 2005 to December 2006. Prior to that time, he was President, U.S. Fleet Management Solutions of Ryder System, Inc. ("Ryder"), a transportation and logistics company, from June 2005 to September 2005. Mr. Hyland was Executive Vice President, U.S. Fleet Management Solutions of Ryder from October 2004 to June 2005. He earned Bachelor and Master of Business Administration degrees from the University of Pittsburgh.

Keith L. Belknap has been our Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary since April 2012, and our Chief Compliance Officer since October 2012. Previously, Mr. Belknap was Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of PRIMEDIA, Inc., a real estate advertising company, since 2007. Prior to that time, he held senior legal positions with PPG Industries, a supplier of paint, coating, optical product, specialty material, chemical, glass and fiberglass, and Georgia-Pacific Corporation, a manufacturer and marketer of tissue, packaging, paper, pulp and building products. Mr. Belknap earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Tulsa (Phi Beta Kappa) and a Juris Doctor with honors from Harvard Law School.

Robert D. Dunn has been our Senior Vice President, Human Resources since November 2007. Previously, Mr. Dunn was Senior Vice President, Human Resources of Dean Foods Company (formerly Suiza Foods Corporation), a food and dairy company since 1999. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Murray State University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

Thomas E. Fish has been President of our Anvil segment since 2000. From January 2005 to November 2005, Mr. Fish was Mueller Co.'s Interim Chief Financial Officer. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Rhode Island and is a certified public accountant.

Evan L. Hart has been our Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since July 2008. Mr. Hart was our Controller from December 2007 to July 2008 and our Vice President of Financial Planning and Analysis from

September 2006 to December 2007. Previously, he was Vice President, Controller and Treasurer for Unisource Worldwide, Inc., a marketer and distributor of commercial printing & business imaging papers, packaging systems and facility supplies and equipment from

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2002 to 2006. Mr. Hart earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Birmingham-Southern College and is a certified public accountant.

Robert P. Keefe has been our Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer since December 2011 and our Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer since March 2007. Previously, Mr. Keefe was Corporate Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Russell Corporation, an athletic apparel, footwear and equipment company. He is a director of the Society for Information Management, International, a non-profit trade organization. Mr. Keefe earned a Bachelor degree from the State University of New York at Oswego and a Master of Business Administration degree from Pace University.

Kevin G. McHugh has been our Vice President and Controller since July 2008. Mr. McHugh was our Vice President, Financial Reporting from January 2008 to July 2008. Previously, he was Corporate Controller at Unisource Worldwide, Inc. from 2003 to 2007. Mr. McHugh earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with honors from the University of Notre Dame and is a certified public accountant.

Gregory S. Rogowski has been President of our Mueller Co. segment since May 2009. Previously, Mr. Rogowski was President and/or Chief Executive Officer of Performance Fibers, Inc., a polyester industrial fibers business from 2004 to 2009. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, a Master of Science degree from the University of Akron and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Richmond.

Marietta Edmunds Zakas has been our Senior Vice President, Strategy, Corporate Development and Communications since November 2006. Previously, Ms. Zakas held various positions at Russell Corporation, culminating in her role as Corporate Vice President, Chief of Staff, Business Development and Treasurer. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Randolph-Macon Woman's College (now known as Randolph College), a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Virginia Darden School of Business and a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law. Ms. Zakas is a director of Atlantic Capital Bank and Atlantic Capital Bancshares.

Howard L. Clark, Jr. has been a member of our board of directors since April 2006. Mr. Clark has been a director of Walter Energy since March 1995. He was Vice Chairman of Barclays Capital, the investment banking division of Barclays Bank PLC, from September 2008 through June 2011. Mr. Clark was Vice Chairman of Lehman Brothers Inc., an investment banking firm, from February 1993 to September 2008 and, before that, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc. Until June 2012, he was a director of United Rentals, Inc., an equipment rental company. Mr. Clark is a director of White Mountains Insurance Group, Ltd., a financial services and insurance holding company. Mr. Clark earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Columbia University, Graduate School of Business.

Shirley C. Franklin has been a member of our board of directors since November 2010. Ms. Franklin is Chair of the board of directors and Chief Executive Officer of Purpose Built Communities, Inc., a national non-profit organization established to transform struggling neighborhoods into sustainable communities. She also is Co-Chair of the Atlanta Regional Commission on Homelessness and Chair of the board of directors of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. From 2002 to 2010, Ms. Franklin was mayor of Atlanta, Georgia. Since July 2011, she has been a director of Delta Air Lines, Inc., a provider of air transportation for passengers and cargo. Ms. Franklin earned a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology from Howard University and a Master's degree in sociology from the University of Pennsylvania.

Thomas J. Hansen has been a member of our board of directors since October 2011. Until March 2012, Mr. Hansen was Vice Chairman of Illinois Tool Works Inc. ("ITW"), a manufacturer of fasteners and components, consumable systems and a variety of specialty products and equipment. He joined ITW in 1980 as sales and marketing manager of the Shakeproof Industrial Products businesses. From 1998 until May 2006, Mr. Hansen was Executive Vice President of ITW. He is a member of the Northern Illinois University Executive Club, a member of the Economics Club of Chicago, Chairman of The ITW Better Government Council and a former member of the Board of Trustees of MAPI (Manufacturers Alliance). Mr. Hansen is a director of Terex Corporation, a diversified global manufacturer of a variety of machinery products. From 2005 through 2008, he was a director of CDW Corporation. Mr. Hansen earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from Northern Illinois State University and a Master of Business

Administration degree from Governors State University.

Jerry W. Kolb has been a member of our board of directors since April 2006. Mr. Kolb has been a director of Walter Energy since June 2003. He was a Vice Chairman of Deloitte & Touche LLP, a registered public accounting firm, from 1986 to 1998. Mr. Kolb earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accountancy from the University of Illinois and Master of Business Administration degree in finance from DePaul University. Mr. Kolb is a certified public accountant.

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Joseph B. Leonard has been a member of our board of directors since April 2006. Mr. Leonard was a director of Walter Energy from June 2005 to April 2007 and he rejoined that board in February 2009. He was Interim Chief Executive Officer of Walter Energy from March 2010 through March 2011 and from August 2011 to September 2011. Mr. Leonard was Chairman of AirTran Holdings, Inc., a full service airline company, from November 2007 to June 2008, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of AirTran Holdings, Inc. from January 1999 to November 2007 and President of AirTran Holdings, Inc. from January 1999 to January 2001. He is a director of Air Canada, a full service airline company. Mr. Leonard earned a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering from Auburn University. Mark J. O'Brien has been a member of our board of directors since April 2006. Mr. O'Brien was a director of Walter Energy from June 2005 to April 2009. Since March 2006, he has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Walter Investment Management Corp. (formerly Walter Energy's financing business). Mr. O'Brien has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Brier Patch Capital and Management, Inc., a real estate investment firm, since September 2004. He held various executive positions at Pulte Homes, Inc., a home building company, for 21 years, retiring as President and Chief Executive Officer in June 2003. Mr. O'Brien earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of Miami.

Bernard G. Rethore has been a member of our board of directors since April 2006. He has been a director of Walter Energy since March 2002. Mr. Rethore has been Chairman of the Board Emeritus of Flowserve Corporation, a manufacturer of pumps, valves, seals and components, since April 2000. From January 2000 to April 2000, he was Flowserve's Chairman. Mr. Rethore had previously served as its Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. He had been a director of Belden, Inc., a manufacturer of specialty signal-transmission products, from 1997 until May 2012. Mr. Rethore is a director of Dover Corp., a diversified manufacturer of a wide range of proprietary products. In 2008, he was honored by the Outstanding Directors Exchange as an Outstanding Director of the Year and in 2012, he was designated a Board Leadership Fellow by the National Association of Corporate Directors. Mr. Rethore earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics (Honors) from Yale University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a Joseph P. Wharton Scholar and Fellow.

Neil A. Springer has been a member of our board of directors since April 2006. Mr. Springer was a director of Walter Energy from August 2000 to April 2006. He has been managing director of Springer & Associates LLC, a board consulting and executive recruitment company, since 1994. Mr. Springer was a director of IDEX Corporation from 1990 until April 2011. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Indiana University, a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Dayton and a certificate of accountancy from the University of Illinois.

Lydia W. Thomas has been a member of our board of directors since January 2008. Dr. Thomas was President and Chief Executive Officer of Noblis, Inc., a public interest research and development company, from 1996 to 2007. She was previously with The MITRE Corporation, Center for Environment, Resources and Space, serving as Senior Vice President and General Manager from 1992 to 1996, Vice President from 1989 to 1992 and Technical Director from 1982 to 1989. Dr. Thomas is a director of Cabot Corporation, a global performance materials company. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology from Howard University, a Master of Science degree in microbiology from American University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in cytology from Howard University.

Michael T. Tokarz has been a member of our board of directors since April 2006. Mr. Tokarz has been a non-executive Chairman of the Board of Walter Energy since December 2006. Since February 2002, he has been a member of the Tokarz Group, LLC, a venture capital investment company. From January 1996 until February 2002, Mr. Tokarz was a member of the limited liability company that serves as the general partner of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P., a private equity company. He is a director of IDEX Corporation, CNO Financial Group, Inc. (formerly Consec, Inc.), an insurance provider, MVC Capital, Inc., a registered investment company, Dakota Growers Pasta Company, Inc., a manufacturer and marketer of dry pasta products and Walter Investment Management Corp. In 2007, he was honored by the Outstanding Directors Exchange as an Outstanding Director of the Year. Mr. Tokarz earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and a Master of Business Administration degree in finance from the University of Illinois.

Additional Information

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Additional information required by this item will be contained in our definitive proxy statement issued in connection with the 2013 annual meeting of stockholders filed with the SEC within 120 days after September 30, 2012 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Our website address is www.muellerwaterproducts.com. You may obtain free electronic copies of our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and all amendments to those reports from the investor relations section of our website. These reports are available on our website soon after we file them with or furnish them to the SEC. These reports should also be available through the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

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We have adopted a written code of conduct that applies to all directors, officers and employees, including a separate code that applies only to our principal executive officer and senior financial officers in accordance with Section 406 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules of the SEC promulgated thereunder. Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available in the corporate governance section of our website. In the event that we make changes in, or provide waivers from, the provisions of this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that the SEC requires us to disclose, we will disclose these events in the corporate governance section of our website.

We have adopted corporate governance guidelines. The guidelines and the charters of our board committees are available in the corporate governance section of our website. Copies of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, corporate governance guidelines and board committee charters are also available in print upon written request to the Corporate Secretary, Mueller Water Products, Inc., 1200 Abernathy Road N.E., Suite 1200, Atlanta, GA 30328.

Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information required by this item will be contained in our definitive proxy statement issued in connection with the 2013 annual meeting of stockholders is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

Except for the information set forth below and the information set forth in Part II, Item 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES, the information required by this item will be contained in our definitive proxy statement issued in connection with the 2013 annual meeting of stockholders and is incorporated herein by reference.

Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

We have two compensation plans under which our equity securities are authorized for issuance. The Mueller Water Products, Inc. 2006 Employee Stock Purchase Plan was approved by our sole stockholder in May 2006 and the Mueller Water Products, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan was approved by our sole stockholder in May 2006 and amended by our stockholders in January 2008, January 2009 and January 2012.

The following table sets forth certain information relating to these equity compensation plans at September 30, 2012.

	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights		Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights		Number of securities remaining available for future issuance
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders:					
Mueller Water Products, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan	7,946,372	(1)	\$6.30	(2)	8,890,767 (3)
Mueller Water Products, Inc. 2006 Employee Stock Purchase Plan	87,390		3.08		2,177,336 (4)
Total	8,033,762				11,068,103
Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders	—		\$—		—

(1) Consists of shares to be issued upon exercise or vesting of outstanding stock awards granted under the Mueller Water Products, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan.

(2) Weighted average exercise price of 5,522,610 outstanding stock options.

(3) The number of shares available for future issuance under the Mueller Water Products, Inc. 2006 Stock Incentive Plan is 20,500,000 shares less the cumulative number of awards granted under the plan plus the cumulative number of awards canceled under the plan after January 25, 2012.

(4) The number of shares available for future issuance under the Mueller Water Products, Inc. 2006 Employee Stock Purchase Plan is 4,000,000 shares less the cumulative number of shares issued under the plan.

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Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE
The information required by this item will be contained in our definitive proxy statement issued in connection with the 2013 annual meeting of stockholders is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES
The information required by this item will be contained in our definitive proxy statement issued in connection with the 2013 annual meeting of stockholders is incorporated herein by reference.

PART IV

Item 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

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(b) Financial Statement Schedules

Except for Schedule II, Valuation and Qualifying Accounts, the schedules for which provision is made in the applicable accounting regulations of the SEC are not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable and, therefore, have been omitted. The information required by Schedule II is included in the notes to consolidated financial statements.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit no.	Document
2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of June 17, 2005 among Mueller Water Products, Inc., Walter Industries, Inc., JW MergerCo, Inc. and DLJ Merchant Banking II, Inc., as stockholders' representative. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 333-116590) filed on June 21, 2005.
2.1.1	Letter Agreement dated as of February 23, 2006 between Walter Industries, Inc. and Mueller Water Products, Inc. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 333-131521) filed February 27, 2006.
2.2	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of January 31, 2006, by and among Mueller Holding Company, Inc., Mueller Water Products, LLC and Mueller Water Products Co-Issuer, Inc. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 333-116590) filed on February 3, 2006.
3.1	Second Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Mueller Water Products, Inc. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on January 25, 2012.
3.1.1	Certificate of Merger, dated February 2, 2006, of Mueller Water Products, LLC and Mueller Water Products Co-Issuer, Inc. with and into Mueller Holding Company, Inc. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1.2 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 333-116590) filed on February 3, 2006.

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Exhibit no.	Document
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Mueller Water Products, Inc. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on January 25, 2012.
4.1	Indenture dated as of May 24, 2007 among Mueller Water Products, Inc., the guarantors named on the signature pages thereto and The Bank of New York (including form of global notes). Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on May 30, 2007.
4.2	Indenture, dated August 26, 2010, among Mueller Water Products, Inc., the guarantors named on the signature pages thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (including form of global notes). Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on August 27, 2010.
10.2	Income Tax Allocation Agreement by and among Walter Industries, Inc., the Walter Affiliates (as defined therein), Mueller Water Products, Inc. and the Mueller Affiliates (as defined therein). Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on May 30, 2006.
10.3*	Mueller Water Products, Inc. Amended and Restated 2006 Stock Incentive Plan. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form DEF 14A (File no. 001-32892) filed on December 14, 2011.
10.4	Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form of Notice of Stock Option Grant. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 10-Q (File no. 001-32892) filed on February 9, 2010.
10.5**	Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement.
10.6*	Mueller Water Products, Inc. 2006 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended September 27, 2006. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 10-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on December 21, 2006.
10.7*	Mueller Water Products, Inc. Directors' Deferred Fee Plan. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on May 30, 2006.
10.8*	Form of Mueller Water Products, Inc. Director Indemnification Agreement. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on October 31, 2008.
10.9*	Executive Incentive Plan of Mueller Water Products, Inc. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on May 30, 2006.
10.10*	Mueller Water Products, Inc. Executive Deferred Compensation Plan. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on October 31, 2008.
10.11*	Employment Agreement, dated September 15, 2008 between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Gregory E. Hyland. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on October 6, 2008.
10.11.1*	Amendment, dated as of March 2, 2006, to Executive Employment Agreement dated September 9, 2005 between Walter Industries, Inc. and Gregory E. Hyland. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 333-131521) filed on March 3, 2006.
10.11.2*	Amended and Restated Mueller Water Products, Inc. Supplemental Defined Contribution Plan, effective as of January 1, 2009. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13.2 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on February 9, 2009.
10.11.3*	Amendment, dated December 1, 2009, to Executive Employment Agreement, dated September 9, 2005, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Gregory E. Hyland. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on December 4, 2009.
10.11.4*	Amendment, dated December 1, 2010, to Executive Employment Agreement, dated September 9, 2005, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Gregory E. Hyland. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1

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- to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on December 6, 2010.
- 10.11.5* Amendment, dated March 31, 2012, to Executive Employment Agreement, dated September 9, 2005, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Gregory E. Hyland. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 10-Q (File no. 001-32892) filed on May 10, 2012.
- 10.12* Executive Employment Agreement, dated as of July 16, 2008, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Evan L. Hart. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 10-Q (File 001-32892) filed on August 11, 2008.
- 10.12.1* Amendment, dated December 1, 2009, to Executive Employment Agreement, dated September 6, 2006, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Evan L. Hart. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on December 4, 2009.
- 10.12.2 Amendment, dated March 31, 2012, to Executive Employment Agreement, dated September 6, 2006, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Evan L. Hart. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-3892) filed on May 10, 2012.

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Exhibit no.	Document
10.13*	Employment Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2006, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Thomas E. Fish. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on August 3, 2006.
10.13.1*	Employment Agreement, dated as of February 22, 2010, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Thomas E. Fish. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on February 26, 2010.
10.13.2*	Executive Change-in-Control Severance Agreement, dated February 22, 2010, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Thomas E. Fish. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on February 26, 2010.
10.13.3	Amendment, dated March 31, 2012, to Executive Employment Agreement, dated September 9, 2005, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Thomas E. Fish. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 10-Q (File no. 001-32892) filed on May 10, 2012.
10.14*	Joint Litigation Agreement dated December 14, 2006 between Walter Industries, Inc. and Mueller Water Products, Inc. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on December 19, 2006.
10.15*	Form of Executive Change-in-Control Severance Agreement. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on October 6, 2008.
10.16*	Form of Amendment to Executive Employment Agreement. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on February 6, 2009.
10.17*	Mueller Water Products, Inc. 2010 Management Incentive Plan. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 10-Q (File no. 001-32892) filed on February 9, 2010.
10.18*	Employment Agreement, dated August 9, 2010, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Paul Ciolino. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 10-Q (File no. 001-32892) filed on August 9, 2010.
10.18.1*	Executive Change-in-Control Severance Agreement, dated August 9, 2010, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Paul Ciolino. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 10-Q (File no. 001-32892) filed on August 9, 2010.
10.18.2*	Assignment and Amendment of Executive Change-in-Control Severance Agreement, dated June 10, 2011, among Mueller Water Products, Inc., United States Pipe and Foundry Company, LLC and Paul Ciolino. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.23.2 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on June 14, 2011.
10.18.3	Assignment and Assumption Agreement, dated April 2, 2012, between United States Pipe and Foundry Company, LLC and Mueller Water Products, Inc. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21.3 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on April 4, 2012.
10.19	Purchase Agreement, dated August 19, 2010, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and the Guarantors named therein and Banc of America Securities LLC. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on August 20, 2010.
10.20	Credit Agreement, dated August 26, 2010, among Mueller Water Products, Inc. and the borrowing subsidiaries named on the signature pages thereto, each as a Borrower, certain financial institutions, as Lenders, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Syndication Agent, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association and SunTrust Bank, as Co-Documentation Agents, Bank of America, N.A. as Administrative Agent and Banc of America Securities LLC and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., as Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Bookrunners. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.23 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on August 27, 2010.
10.21*	Employment Agreement, dated April 10, 2009, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Gregory Rogowski. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.26 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 10-K (File

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- no. 001-32892) filed on November 23, 2010.
- 10.21.1* Amendment to Employment Agreement, date December 1, 2009, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Gregory Rogowski. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.27 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 10-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on November 23, 2010.
- 10.21.2* Executive Change-in-Control Severance Agreement, dated May 4, 2009, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Gregory Rogowski. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.28 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 10-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on November 23, 2010.
- 10.21.3 Amendment, dated March 31, 2012, to Executive Employment Agreement, dated September 9, 2005, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Gregory Rogowski. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 10-Q (File no. 001-32892) filed on May 10, 2012.

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10.22*	Special Incentive Award Program for Selected Employees of U.S. Pipe, dated June 2011. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.29 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on June 14, 2011.
10.23	Purchase Agreement, dated March 7, 2012, among Mueller Water Products, Inc., Mueller Group, LLC and USP Holdings Inc. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.3 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on March 8, 2012.
10.24**	Employment Agreement, dated September 15, 2008, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Robert Dunn.
10.24.1**	Executive Change-in-Control Severance Agreement, dated September 15, 2008.
10.24.2**	Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated February 6, 2009, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Robert Dunn.
10.24.3*	Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated December 1, 2009, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Robert Dunn. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 8-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on December 4, 2009.
10.24.4**	Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated January 23, 2012, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Robert Dunn.
10.24.5**	Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated March 1, 2012, between Mueller Water Products, Inc. and Robert Dunn.
10.25**	Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form of Performance Share Award Agreement.
10.26**	Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form of Performance Share Award Agreement (Stub Period).
12.1**	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges
14.1	Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for Mueller Water Products, Inc. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 14.1 to Mueller Water Products, Inc. Form 10-K (File no. 001-32892) filed on November 26, 2008.
21.1**	Subsidiaries of Mueller Water Products, Inc.
31.1**	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2**	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1**	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2**	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101**	The following financial information from the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2011, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language), (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Other Comprehensive Income, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (v) the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

*Management compensatory plan, contract or arrangement

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 29, 2012

MUELLER WATER PRODUCTS, INC.

By: /s/ Gregory E. Hyland
Name: Gregory E. Hyland
Title: Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended, this report has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Gregory E. Hyland Gregory E. Hyland	Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)	November 29, 2012