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Barrie Attracts Head Office of Mueller Canada Ltd.

Barrie, Ontario - Mueller Canada Ltd. is relocating its Canadian Head Office to Barrie in a 50,000 square foot building on Hooper Road owned by the Aerarium Group in the South Barrie Industrial Park. In addition to housing their head office, Mueller's Barrie facility will employ approximately 40 - 45 people, including 12 employees to operate their new warehousing and distribution centre.

"It has been this Council's priority to attract better paying jobs to Barrie and I am thrilled that an international company such as Mueller has chosen Barrie for its Canadian Head Office," says Barrie Mayor Rob Hamilton. "Once again, the Business Ambassadors provided us with a lead that we were able to effectively pursue and attract this prestigious company."

Mueller Canada had been searching for a new facility when a lead from one the Mayor's Business Ambassadors led company officials to contact the Economic Development Department. The Economic Development Department sent the necessary data about Barrie to allow Mueller to make an informed decision about its future location.

"Barrie's Economic Development Department provided us with all the information we needed to make the right decision in our relocation efforts," says Lonnie Royal, Vice President & General Manager of Mueller Canada. "We are pleased to move our company to an area that offers a quality of life second to none."

Mueller Co. had its beginning in 1857 when a German immigrant named Hieronymus Mueller opened a small gun shop in Decatur, Illinois. Mr. Mueller's inventive talent led to the design of a machine that allowed water taps to be made under pressure. Today, the Mueller name represents a growing diversity of flow control products, including valves, fittings and other specialized products, which are used in water and gas distribution, water and waste water treatment.

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