

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP

Form 8-K

February 22, 2008

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):
February 21, 2008

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-9115
(Commission File
Number)

25-0644320
(IRS Employer Identification
No.)

PA
(Address of principal executive offices)

Two NorthShore Center, Pittsburgh,

15212-5851

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

442-8200

(412)

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On February 22, 2008, Matthews International Corporation (“the Company”) reported that William J. Stallkamp has been named as the Company’s new Chairman of the Board of Directors. Following the Company’s Annual Shareholder’s Meeting on February 21, 2008, the Board of Directors elected Mr. Stallkamp as the Chairman. David M. Kelly, the Company’s former Chairman, retired from the Board upon the close of the Shareholder’s Meeting.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated February 22, 2008, issued by Matthews International Corporation.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By Steven F. Nicola

Steven F. Nicola
Chief Financial Officer,
Secretary and Treasurer

February 22, 2008
