

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP

Form 8-K

July 29, 2008

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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):  
July 24, 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: (412)  
442-8200

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

On July 24, 2008, Matthews International Corporation (“Matthews” or “the Company”) announced the election of Katherine E. Dietze to the Matthews Board of Directors. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. Ms. Dietze will be nominated for election as a director by the Company’s shareholders at the 2009 Annual Meeting. Ms. Dietze was appointed to the Compensation Committee and to the Company’s Pension Board.

Ms. Dietze will be compensated as a director of the Company in accordance with the provisions of the 1994 Director Fee Plan, as amended, which are discussed in the Company’s 2008 Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2007.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated July 24, 2008, issued by Matthews International Corporation.

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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

July 29, 2008

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