## 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 0-9115 25-0644320 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Two NorthShore Center, Pittsburgh, PA 15212-5851 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (412) 442-8200

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### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 24, 2008, Matthews International Corporation issued a press release announcing its earnings for the third fiscal quarter of 2008. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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

Date: July 29, 2008