MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP

| January 27, 2017 |
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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): January 26, 2017 |
| MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) |
| PENNSYLVANIA 0-09115 25 0644320 (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission (I.R.S. Employer Incorporation or organization) File Number) Identification No.) |
| TWO NORTHSHORE CENTER, PITTSBURGH, PA 15212 5851 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) |
| (412) 442-8200 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) |
| NOT APPLICABLE (Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report) |
| Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions: |
| [] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) |
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| [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) |

[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 26, 2017, Matthews International Corporation issued a press release announcing its earnings for the first fiscal quarter of 2017. A copy of the press release is furnished hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release, dated January 26, 2017, issued by Matthews International Corporation.

SIGNATURE

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:/s/ Steven F. Nicola

Steven F. Nicola Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

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