

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION & SUBSIDIARIES

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Stock Information

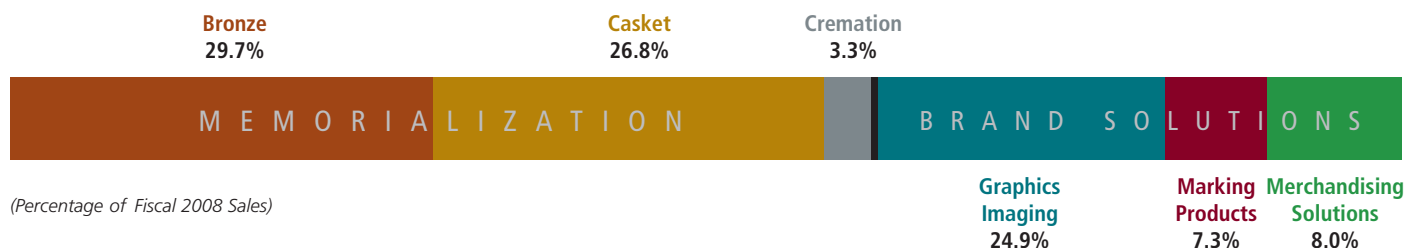
NASDAQ Trading Symbol:	MATW	Fiscal 2008 Earnings Per Share:	\$2.55	Investor Information:
Recent Price (12/31/08):	\$36.68	Annual Dividend Per Share:	\$0.26	Steven F. Nicola, <i>Chief Financial Officer, Secretary</i>
52-Week Price Range:	\$58.55-\$32.30	Shares Outstanding at 12/31/08:	30,646,021	and <i>Treasurer</i> (investorrelations@matw.com)

Company Profile

Matthews International Corporation, headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is a designer, manufacturer and marketer principally of memorialization products and brand solutions. Memorialization products consist primarily of bronze memorials and other memorialization products, caskets and cremation equipment for the cemetery and funeral home industries. Brand solutions include graphics imaging products and services, marking products, and merchandising solutions. The Company's products and services include cast bronze memorials and other memorialization

products; caskets; cast and etched architectural products; cremation equipment and cremation-related products; mausoleums; brand management, printing plates and cylinders, pre-press services and imaging services for the primary packaging and corrugated industries; marking and coding equipment and consumables, and industrial automation products for identifying, tracking and conveying various consumer and industrial products, components and packaging containers; and merchandising display systems and marketing and design services.

Business Operations



■ **The Bronze segment** manufactures and markets products in North America, Europe and Australia used in the cemetery, funeral home and architectural industries. The segment's principal products include cast bronze memorials and other memorialization products used mainly in cemeteries. Memorial products include flush bronze memorials, flower vases, crypt plates and letters, cameo portraits, cremation urns, niche units, cemetery features and statues, community and family mausoleums, and granite monuments and benches. In addition, the segment manufactures and markets cast bronze and aluminum architectural products used to identify or commemorate people, places and events.

■ **The Casket segment** is a leading manufacturer and distributor of caskets in North America, producing a wide variety of wood and metal caskets. It is also a leader in providing assortment planning and merchandising and display products for funeral service businesses. These products assist funeral service professionals in providing value and satisfaction to their client families.

■ **The Cremation segment** is the leading designer and manufacturer of cremation equipment and cremation-related products in North America. Cremation equipment and products are sold primarily to funeral homes, cemeteries, crematories, animal disposers and veterinarians within North America, Asia, Australia and Europe. The segment also manufactures environmentally-friendly caskets, which are manufactured from wood fibers and corrugated materials covered with cloth, or paper veneer, which gives the appearance of wood.

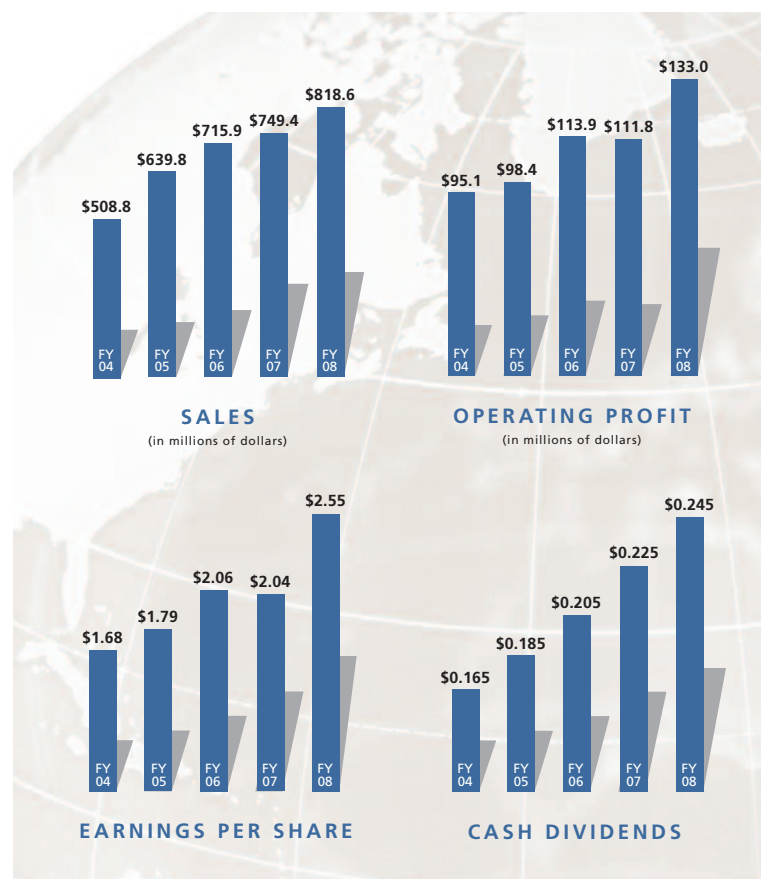
■ **The Graphics Imaging segment** provides brand management, pre-press services, printing plates and cylinders, embossing tools and creative design services to the primary packaging and corrugated industries. The segment's principal products and services include brand management, pre-press graphics services, printing plates, gravure cylinders, print process assistance, print production management, digital asset management, content management and package design. These products and services are used by consumer products companies and packaging manufacturers to develop and print packaging graphics that identify and help sell the product in the marketplace.

■ **The Marking Products segment** designs, manufactures and distributes a wide range of marking and coding products and related consumables, as well as industrial automation products. The Company's products are used by manufacturers and suppliers to identify, track and convey their products and packaging. Marking technologies include contact and ink-jet printing using a wide range of specialty inks, as well as indenting and etching processes. Marking solutions can be a stand-alone operation or integrated directly into the manufacturing process at high speeds with extreme accuracy.

■ **The Merchandising Solutions segment** is an industry leader in providing value-added comprehensive merchandising solutions to consumer product marketers and retailers in industries such as electronics, technology, entertainment, food and beverage, apparel, footwear, home improvement, petroleum, appliances and flooring. The segment designs, engineers, manufactures and installs merchandising and display systems, and also provides creative merchandising and marketing solutions services.

Recent Highlights

- The Company's consolidated revenues were \$818.6 million in fiscal 2008, compared to \$749.4 million in fiscal 2007, an increase of 9.2%.
- For the quarter ended September 30, 2008, the Board of Directors increased the Company's quarterly cash dividend to \$.065 per share. This was Matthews' fourteenth dividend increase since our initial public offering in July 1994.
- During fiscal 2008, we repurchased 981,563 shares of our common stock. The buy-back program is designed to increase shareholder value and add to earnings per share.
- In May 2008, the Company acquired a 78% interest in Saueressig GmbH & Co. KG, a manufacturer of gravure printing cylinders, which has manufacturing operations in Germany, Poland and the United Kingdom.



Selected Financial Data

Years Ended September 30,

	2008 ¹	2007 ²	2006 ³	2005	2004
	(Amounts in thousands, except per share data)				
Net sales	\$818,623	\$749,352	\$715,891	\$639,822	\$508,801
Gross profit	322,964	280,457	271,933	223,075	193,754
Operating profit	132,952	111,824	113,884	98,413	95,078
Interest expense	10,405	8,119	6,995	2,966	1,998
Income before income taxes	121,572	103,716	105,408	93,056	89,117
Income taxes	42,088	38,990	38,964	34,985	34,584
Net income	\$ 79,484	\$ 64,726	\$ 66,444	\$ 58,071	\$ 54,533
Earnings per common share:					
Diluted	\$2.55	\$2.04	\$2.06	\$1.79	\$1.68
Basic	2.57	2.05	2.08	1.81	1.69
Weighted-average common shares outstanding:					
Diluted	31,158	31,680	32,252	32,381	32,542
Basic	30,928	31,566	31,999	32,116	32,217
Cash dividends per share	\$0.245	\$0.225	\$0.205	\$0.185	\$0.165
Total assets	\$914,282	\$771,069	\$716,090	\$665,455	\$533,432
Long-term debt, non-current	219,124	142,273	120,289	118,952	54,389

¹ Fiscal 2008 included a reduction in income taxes of \$1,882 to reflect the adjustment of net deferred tax liabilities resulting from the enactment of lower statutory income tax rates in certain European countries.

² Fiscal 2007 included a net pre-tax charge of approximately \$8,765 which consisted primarily of special charges related to the acceleration of earn-out payments in the resolution of employment agreements from the Milso Industries acquisition and pre-tax charges related to severance costs incurred in several of the Company's segments, partially offset by a pre-tax gain on the sale of the marketing consultancy business of the Merchandising Solutions segment and favorable legal settlements, net of related legal costs, in the Casket segment.

³ Fiscal 2006 included a net pre-tax gain of \$1,016 which consisted of a pre-tax gain from the sale of a facility, partially offset by a pre-tax charge related to asset impairments and related costs.