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MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER EARNINGS RELEASE AND CONFERENCE CALL SCHEDULE

PITTSBURGH, PA, January 2, 2013 -- Matthews International Corporation (NASDAQ GSM: MATW) today announced plans to release first quarter fiscal 2013 results after the market closes on Thursday, January 17, 2013.

Matthews International Corporation has scheduled a conference call for Friday, January 18, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Eastern time. Participating in the call will be Joseph C. Bartolacci – President and CEO, and Steven F. Nicola - Chief Financial Officer.

To participate in the call, dial 1-612-332-0107 at least ten minutes before the conference call begins and ask for the Matthews International Corporation conference call. A replay of the call will be available at approximately 12:00 p.m. Eastern time the day of the conference and will be accessible until 11:59 p.m., February 1, 2013. To access the replay, dial 1-320-365-3844, enter the pass code 277189, and follow the provided instructions.

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 and granite 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 and fulfillment systems, and merchandising solutions. The Company's products and services include cast bronze and granite 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, industrial automation products and order fulfillment systems for identifying, tracking, picking and conveying consumer and industrial products; and merchandising display systems and marketing and design services.