

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):
April 25, 2003

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania	0-9115 and 0-24494	25-0644320
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Numbers)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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

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

Item 5. Other Events

On April 25, 2003, Matthews International Corporation issued a press release announcing that Glenn R. Mahone was elected to the Matthews Board of Directors. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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 Edward J. Boyle

Edward J. Boyle
Chief Financial Officer,
Secretary and Treasurer

Date: April 25, 2003

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The following Exhibit to this report is filed herewith.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release, dated April 25, 2003, issued by Matthews International Corporation.

April 25, 2003
Edward J. Boyle

Chief Financial Officer,
Secretary & Treasurer
412:442-8244

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL
ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR

PITTSBURGH, PA, April 25, 2003 -- Matthews International Corporation (NASDAQ NNM: MATW) announced today that Glenn R. Mahone, a partner in the Pittsburgh office of the law firm of Reed Smith, L.L.P. since 1991, was elected to the Matthews Board of Directors.

Mr. Mahone is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University. He also received a Juris Doctorate degree from the Duquesne University School of Law and a Masters of Laws degree from Yale University.

Prior to joining Reed Smith, Mr. Mahone spent ten years in the radio broadcast industry. He is also active in community affairs, a Vietnam veteran, and Chairman of the Board of the Allegheny County Airport Authority and the Urban League of Pittsburgh.

Matthews International Corporation, headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is a designer, manufacturer and marketer principally of memorialization products and caskets for the cemetery and funeral home industries, and custom made products which are used to identify people, place, products and events. The Company's products include cast bronze memorials and other memorialization products; caskets; bronze and aluminum architectural products; cremators and cremation-related products; mausoleums, printing plates, pre-press services, and imaging systems for the corrugated and flexible packaging industries; and marking equipment and consumables for identifying various consumer and industrial products and containers.