

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):
February 13, 2004

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania	0-9115	25-0644320
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(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 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On February 13, 2004, Matthews International Corporation issued a press release announcing personnel changes. 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 Steven F. Nicola

Steven F. Nicola
Chief Financial Officer,
Secretary and Treasurer

Date: February 17, 2004

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The following Exhibit to this report is filed herewith.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release, dated February 13, 2004, issued by Matthews International Corporation.

February 13, 2004

Steven F. Nicola
Chief Financial Officer,
Secretary & Treasurer
412-442-8262

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION ANNOUNCES PERSONNEL CHANGES

PITTSBURGH, PA, February 13, 2004 -- Matthews International Corporation (NASDAQ NNM: MATW) announced today that David J. DeCarlo has been appointed Group President, Bronze and York Casket Divisions. In this role, Mr. DeCarlo will maintain direct responsibility as President, Bronze Division and will assume oversight responsibility for the York Casket business. Mr. DeCarlo has been a Director of the Company since 1987 and has been President, Bronze Division since 1993.

Joseph C. Bartolacci has been appointed Executive Vice President and President, York Casket Division. In this role, Mr. Bartolacci will assume direct responsibility for the York Casket business as well as continuing responsibility for European operations. Mr. Bartolacci joined the Company in 1997 as General Counsel and has been President, Matthews Europe since April 2002.

The Company also announced the resignation of Jonathan H. Maurer as President, York Casket Division. Mr. Maurer is leaving Matthews for a position with an unrelated company.

Matthews International Corporation, headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is a designer, manufacturer and marketer principally of memorialization products, caskets and cremation equipment for the cemetery and funeral home industries, and custom made products which are used to identify people, places, 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, components and packaging containers.