

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):
July 6, 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 July 6, 2004, Matthews International Corporation issued a press release announcing the purchase of Holjeron Corporation, a U.S. industrial controls manufacturer located in Wilsonville, Oregon. 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: July 7, 2004

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The following Exhibit to this report is filed herewith.

Exhibit No.	Description
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99.1	Press release, dated July 6, 2004, issued by Matthews International Corporation.

July 6, 2004

Steven F. Nicola
CFO, Secretary & Treasurer

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
ACQUIRES HOLJERON CORPORATION

PITTSBURGH, PA, JULY 6, 2004 -- Matthews International Corporation (NASDAQ NMS: MATW) today announced the purchase by Matthews of Holjeron Corporation, a U.S. industrial controls manufacturer located in Wilsonville, Oregon. The combination of Matthews and Holjeron is an important part of the Matthews strategy to increase its presence in the marking products industry. Terms of the purchase were not disclosed.

Holjeron Corporation, a privately-owned business with annual sales of approximately \$3 million (U.S. dollars), was established in 1994 to focus on the emerging market for industrial networks. Holjeron is currently a supplier to Matthews of microprocessor controls. The company designs, manufactures and sells microprocessor-based control products for material handling, oil field services and other industrial markets. Many of Holjeron's customers are Fortune 500 companies, where the company's products are used to help improve productivity.

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.

Any forward-looking statements contained in this release are included pursuant to the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause the Company's actual results in future periods to be materially different from management's expectations. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, no assurance can be given that such expectations will prove correct. Factors that could cause the Company's results to differ materially from the results discussed in such forward-looking statements principally include economic, competitive, and technological factors beyond the Company's control.