

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):
May 9, 2006

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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

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

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On May 10, 2006, Matthews International Corporation (“Matthews”) announced the election of Robert G. Neubert to the Matthews Board of Directors. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated May 10, 2006, issued by Matthews International Corporation.

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: May 10, 2006

May 10, 2006

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Chief Financial Officer, Secretary &
Treasurer
412:442-8262

**MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL
ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR**

PITTSBURGH, PA, May 10, 2006 -- Matthews International Corporation (NASDAQ NNM: MATW) announced today that Robert G. Neubert, a retired partner of Ernst & Young, LLP, was elected to the Matthews Board of Directors.

As a partner, Mr. Neubert had extensive involvement with senior management, boards of directors (including Audit Committees) and industry organizations representing manufacturers. He has advised organizations on a wide range of strategic, operational and governance matters.

Mr. Neubert was also the U.S. representative to the International Federation of Accountants ("IFAC") and a member of their governing board. IFAC is responsible for establishing auditing standards applied internationally.

Mr. Neubert is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and Harvard Business School.

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 memorialization products, caskets and cremation equipment for the cemetery and funeral home industries. Brand solutions include graphics imaging products and services, merchandising solutions, and marking products. 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; printing plates, pre-press services, and imaging systems for the corrugated and primary packaging industries; marking equipment and consumables for identifying various consumer and industrial products, components and containers; and merchandising display systems and marketing and design services.