
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):
October 28, 2009

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
(Address of principal executive offices)

15212-5851
(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 October 29, 2009, Matthews International Corporation (“Matthews” or “the Company”) announced the election of Alvaro Garcia-Tunon to the Matthews Board of Directors. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. Mr. Garcia-Tunon will be nominated for election as a director by the Company’s shareholders at the 2010 Annual Meeting. It is expected that Mr. Garcia-Tunon will be appointed to the Audit Committee.

Mr. Garcia-Tunon will be compensated as a director of the Company in accordance with the provisions of the 1994 Director Fee Plan, as amended, which are discussed in the Company’s 2009 Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2008.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated October 29, 2009, 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

November 2, 2009

PRESS RELEASE

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MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR

PITTSBURGH, PA, October 29, 2009 -- Matthews International Corporation (NASDAQ: MATW) announced that Alvaro Garcia-Tunon was elected to the Company's Board of Directors.

Mr. Garcia-Tunon is Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary for Wabtec Corporation ("Wabtec"), a provider of products and services for the global rail industry, a position he has held since 2003. Mr. Garcia-Tunon was Senior Vice President, Finance of Wabtec from 1999 until 2003. Prior thereto, he was Vice President and Treasurer of Wabtec. Mr. Garcia-Tunon is a board member of the Pittsburgh Civic Light Orchestra and Senator John Heinz History Center. Mr. Garcia-Tunon graduated from the College of William and Mary with a Juris Doctor degree and is a graduate of the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce and Accounting.

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 other memorialization products, caskets and cremation equipment for the cemetery and funeral home industries. Brand solutions include graphics imaging products and services, marking products, and merchandising solutions. 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; 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, and industrial automation products for identifying, tracking and conveying various consumer and industrial products, components and packaging containers; and merchandising display systems and marketing and design services.
