
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):
November 12, 2010

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 November 16, 2010, Matthews International Corporation (“Matthews” or “the Company”) announced the election of Gregory S. Babe to the Matthews Board of Directors. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. Mr. Babe will be nominated for election as a director by the Company’s shareholders at the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Mr. Babe 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 2010 Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2009.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated November 16, 2010, 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: November 16, 2010

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**MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR**

PITTSBURGH, PA, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 - Matthews International Corporation (NASDAQ GSM: MATW) today announced that Gregory S. Babe was elected to the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Babe is President and Chief Executive Officer of Bayer Corporation and Bayer MaterialScience LLC. He was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Bayer Corporation and Senior Bayer Representative for the United States and Canada in October 2008. Mr. Babe is responsible for the North American activities of the worldwide Bayer Group, an international health care, nutrition and high-tech materials group based in Leverkusen, Germany. In addition, he has held the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of Bayer MaterialScience LLC, a producer of polymers and high-performance plastics in North America, since July 2004.

Mr. Babe serves on the Board of Directors and Executive Committees of the American Chemistry Council, National Association of Manufacturers and the Allegheny Conference on Community Development. In addition, he is a member of West Virginia University's Foundation Board. A native of West Virginia, Mr. Babe holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from West Virginia University.

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; granite memorials; 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.
