
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 21, 2011

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.)

<u>Two NorthShore Center, Pittsburgh, PA</u>	<u>15212-5851</u>
(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 July 21, 2011, Matthews International Corporation (“Matthews” or “the Company”) announced the election of Morgan K. O’Brien and Jerry R. Whitaker to the Matthews Board of Directors. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. Messrs. O’Brien and Whitaker will be nominated for election as directors by the Company’s shareholders at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Mr. O’Brien was appointed to the Audit Committee and Mr. Whitaker was appointed to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

Messrs. O’Brien and Whitaker will be compensated as directors of the Company in accordance with the provisions of the 1994 Director Fee Plan, as amended, which are discussed in the Company’s 2011 Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2010.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated July 21, 2011, 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

July 21, 2011

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**MATTHEWS INTRNATIONAL CORPORATION ANNOUNCES
THE ELECTION OF TWO NEW DIRECTORS**

PITTSBURGH, PA, JULY 21, 2011 - Matthews International Corporation (NASDAQ GSM: MATW) today announced that Morgan K. O'Brien and Jerry R. Whitaker were elected to the Company's Board of Directors.

Mr. O'Brien is President and Chief Executive Officer of Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC ("Peoples Natural Gas"), a utility provider in southwestern Pennsylvania. Prior to joining Peoples Natural Gas, Mr. O'Brien was President and Chief Executive Officer of Duquesne Light Holdings, a utility provider, from 2001 to 2010. Mr. O'Brien currently serves on the boards of trustees of the University of Pittsburgh and Robert Morris University. In addition, he serves on the boards of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, The Pittsburgh Opera, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Western PA Chapter, and the Greater Pittsburgh Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. O'Brien holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Master's Degree in Taxation from Robert Morris University.

Mr. Whitaker is Retired President, Electrical Sector – Americas, of Eaton Corporation, a diversified power management company. Mr. Whitaker joined Eaton Corporation in 1994, serving in various executive management positions until his retirement in May 2011. He currently serves on the board of directors of Crescent Electric Company. Mr. Whitaker also serves on the boards of the Carnegie Science Center (serving as Chairman of the Carnegie Science Center Awards for Excellence the last ten years), the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, Pittsburgh Middle East Institute and the Corporate Circles Board of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. He was the Chairman of the Eaton – Caterpillar ISO JV and also served on boards for several Eaton Corporation subsidiaries. Mr. Whitaker holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Syracuse University and an MBA from George Washington 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.
