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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 20, 2011

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

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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

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On October 20, 2011, Matthews International Corporation issued a press release announcing the declaration of a quarterly dividend of \$0.09 per share on the Company's common stock. The quarterly dividend has been increased one cent per share (12.5%) from \$0.08 to \$0.09. The dividend is payable November 14, 2011 to stockholders of record October 31, 2011. 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 October 20, 2011, issued by Matthews International Corporation.

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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: October 21, 2011

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# PRESS RELEASE

EXHIBIT 99.1

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Corporate Office  
Two NorthShore Center  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212-5851  
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Release date: October 20, 2011

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Treasurer  
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## **MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION INCREASES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND**

PITTSBURGH, PA, OCTOBER 20, 2011 – The Board of Directors of Matthews International Corporation (NASDAQ GSM: MATW) today declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.09 per share on the Company's common stock. The quarterly dividend has been increased one cent per share, or 12.5%, from \$0.08 to \$0.09. The dividend is payable November 14, 2011 to stockholders of record October 31, 2011.

Joseph C. Bartolacci, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "Our dividend increase reflects the consistent strength of Matthews' financial position despite the challenging economic climate and the continued growth of our earnings and free cash flow. In addition, we remain confident in our long-term growth strategies." Mr. Bartolacci noted that Matthews has increased its dividend every year since the Company became a publicly traded stock in July 1994.

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 and granite 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 and granite 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.

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