# FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1 Name  |                  |  |  |   |  |                  |  |  |   |   |                                       |                          |  |   |  |
|---|------------------|--|--|---|--|------------------|--|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BARTOLACCI JOSEPH C |                  |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP [MATW] |   |  |                  |  |  |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  _X_ Director |                                       |                          |  |   |  |
| (Last   | )                | (First)                                    | (Middle)   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/14/2012 |  |                  |  | Pre  | esident and C   | EEO   |                                       |                          |  |   |  |
|   |                  | (Street)                                   |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)        |  |                  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person  _Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |                                       |                          |  |   |  |
| (City   | )                | (State)                                    | (Zip)  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu                    |  |                  |  | Acqui  | uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned                           |   |                                       |                          |  |   |  |
| 1.Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3)                             |                  | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year)                    |   | Code<br>(Instr. 8)   |                  | 4. Securities Acquire (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |  | of  | Beneficia   | ly Owned Following<br>Transaction(s)  |                          | Form:<br>Direct (D)                    | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|   |                  |  |  |   |  | Code             | V  | Amoun  | (A) or (D)  | Price   |                                       |                          |  | (I)<br>(Instr. 4)   |  |
| Class A (   | Common St        | tock                                       | 11/14/2012   |   |  | A <sup>(1)</sup> |  | 75,000   | Α   | \$ 0  | 332,671                               |                          |  | D   |  |
| Reminder:<br>indirectly.                                      | Report on a      | separate line f                            | for each class of secu   | rities beneficial   | lly ov   |                  | •  |  | o respo   | nd to   | the colle                             | ction of in              | formation                              | SI  | C 1474 (9-   |
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#### **Reporting Owners**

| D # 0 N /411                   | Relationships |           |                   |       |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |  |  |
| BARTOLACCI JOSEPH C            | X             |           | President and CEO |       |  |  |

### **Signatures**

| Joseph C. Bartolacci          | 11/16/2012 |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Signature of Reporting Person | Date       |

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

that do not achieve the adjusted earnings per share thresholds on or before November 14, 2015 will be forfeited.

Award of restricted stock under the Company's 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, subject to the agreement entered into under the Plan. In general, 50% of the shares vest on November 14, 2015, subject to continuing employment at that time; 25% of the shares vest in increments of one-third upon the stock price of the Company reaching 105%, 115% and 125% of the price of the Company's common stock on the date of the award for ten consecutive trading days, respectively; and 25% of the shares vest in increments of one-third upon the adjusted earnings per share of the Company reaching \$2.57, \$2.83 and \$3.11; and in any event no earlier than one year from the date of the grant, subject to continuing employment at that time. Shares that do not achieve the stock price thresholds on or before November 14, 2017 will be forfeited. Shares

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