



349,800

7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

700,265

9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

700,265

10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

6,000

11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

5.29

12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

BD/IA

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Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer:

Matthews International Corp.

Item 1 (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

Two Northshore Center Pittsburgh, PA 15212-5851

Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing:

Neuberger Berman Inc.  
Neuberger Berman, LLC.

Item 2 (b) Address of Principal Business Office:

605 Third Ave., New York, NY, 10158-3698

Item 2 (c) Citizenship:

USA

Item 2 (d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common

Item 2 (e) CUSIP Number:

577128101

Item 3. (g)  Parent holding company, in accordance with 240.13d-1 (b)(ii)(G)

Item 4. Ownership:

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

700,265

(b) Percent of Class:

5.29

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(c) Number of Shares as to which such person has:

(I) Sole Power to vote or to direct the  
vote: 350,465

(II) Shared Power to vote or to direct the  
vote: 349,800

(III) Sole Power to dispose or to direct the disposition  
of: 0

(IV) Shared Power to dispose or to direct the disposition  
of: 700,265

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:  
N/A

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another:

Neuberger Berman, LLC is deemed to be a beneficial owner for purpose of Rule 13(d) since it has shared power to make decisions whether to retain or dispose of, and in some cases the sole power to vote, the securities of many unrelated clients. Neuberger Berman, LLC does not, however, have any economic interest in the securities of those clients. The clients are the actual owners of the securities and have the sole right to receive and the power to direct the receipt of dividends from or proceeds from the sale of such securities.

Employee(s) of Neuberger Berman, LLC and Neuberger Berman Management, Inc. ("Employees") own 6,000 shares. Employee(s) own these shares in their own personal securities accounts. Neuberger Berman LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares since; these shares were purchased with each employee(s)' personal funds and each employee has exclusive dispositive and voting power over the shares held in their respective accounts.

With regard to the shares set forth under Item 4.(c)(II), Neuberger Berman, LLC and Neuberger Berman Management Inc. are deemed to be beneficial owners for purposes of Rule 13(d) since they both have shared power to make decisions whether to retain or dispose and vote the securities. Neuberger Berman, LLC and Neuberger Berman Management Inc. serve as sub-adviser and investment manager, respectively, of Neuberger Berman's various Mutual Funds which hold such shares in the ordinary course of their business and not with the purpose nor with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer.

No other Neuberger Berman, LLC advisory client has an interest of more than 5% of the issuer.

It should be further noted that the share calculation under item 4.(c)(IV) is derived from a total combination of the shares set forth under Item 4.(c)(I and II). The remaining balance of shares, if any, are for individual client accounts over which Neuberger Berman, LLC has shared power to dispose but not vote shares.

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Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which  
Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent  
Holding Company:

Neuberger Berman, Inc. makes this filing pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)(ii)(G) since it owns 100% of both Neuberger Berman, LLC and Neuberger Berman Management, Inc. and does not own over 1% of the issuer.  
Neuberger Berman, LLC, as investment advisor and broker/dealer with discretion.  
Neuberger Berman Management, Inc. as investment advisor to a Series of Public Mutual Funds.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:  
N/A

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group:

N/A

Item 10. Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Signature:

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: January 28, 2000

By:

C. Carl Randolph  
Senior Vice President/General Counsel and Secretary  
Neuberger Berman, Inc.  
Neuberger Berman, LLC.