

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Dempe Charles Michael | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP [MATW] | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <u>President, Brand Solutions Ame</u> ____ 10% Owner ____ Other (specify below) | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 500 GRANT AVENUE | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/09/2011 | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| (Street) EAST BUTLER, PA 16029 | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----|---|------------|-------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/09/2011 | | A | (1) | 2,500 | A | \$ 0 | 11,077 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Dempe Charles Michael 500 GRANT AVENUE EAST BUTLER, PA 16029 | | | President, Brand Solutions Ame | |

Signatures

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| C. Michael Dempe | 11/14/2011 |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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 9, 2014, subject to continuing employment at that time. The remaining 50% of the shares vest in increments of one-third upon the stock price of the Company (1) 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 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 9, 2016 will be forfeited.

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