UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 4 - STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP () Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).													
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person: Kelly, David M. Two NorthShore Center Pittsburgh, PA 15212													
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol: Matthews International Corporation - MATW													
3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary):													
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year: December 31, 2002													
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year):													
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable): (X) Director (X) Officer () 10% Owner () Other (title below) (specify below) President and Chief Executive Officer													
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line): (X) Form filed by one Reporting Person () Form filed by more than one Reporting Person													
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned													
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Explanation of Responses:

David M. Kelly 01/06/2003
-----Signature Of Reporting Person Date