

FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION**

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response... 0.5**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BECK DAVID F (Last) (First) (Middle) TWO NORTSHORE CENTER (Street) PITTSBURGH, PA 15212 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2003	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP [MATW]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Controller	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	350	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option	01/17/2005	01/17/2012	Class A Common Stock	10,000	\$ 24.37	D	
Employee Stock Option	12/19/2005	12/19/2012	Class A Common Stock	5,000	\$ 21.81	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BECK DAVID F TWO NORTSHORE CENTER PITTSBURGH, PA 15212			Controller	

Signatures

David F. Beck		12/01/2003
 Signature of Reporting Person		Date

Explanation of Responses:

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