

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP

Form 8-K

January 22, 2010

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

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
January 22, 2010

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Pennsylvania                                      | 0-9115                      | 25-0644320                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation) | (Commission File<br>Number) | (IRS Employer Identification<br>No.) |

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| Two NorthShore Center, Pittsburgh, PA    | 15212-5851 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:(412) 442-8200

Item 8.01 Other Events

On January 22, 2010, Matthews International Corporation issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors approved the continuation of its stock repurchase program and increased the total authorization for stock repurchases by an additional two million five hundred thousand shares. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

- 99.1 Press Release, dated January 22, 2010, issued by Matthews International Corporation.
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By Steven F. Nicola

Steven F. Nicola  
Chief Financial Officer,  
Secretary and Treasurer

Date: January 22, 2010

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