

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP

Form 8-K

December 07, 2006

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):

December 6, 2006

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

0-9115  
(Commission File  
Number)

25-0644320  
(IRS Employer Identification  
No.)

Two NorthShore Center, Pittsburgh, PA    15212-5851

(Address of principal executive offices)    (Zip Code)

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

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 6, 2006, Matthews International Corporation (the "Company") reported that the Company intends to close its metal casket assembly facility in Marshfield, Missouri. The closure is expected to be completed no later than March 31, 2007.

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 December 6, 2006, 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: December 7, 2006