

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 2008

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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):  
October 16, 2008

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.)

PA  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Two NorthShore Center, Pittsburgh,

15212-5851

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

442-8200

(412)

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On October 16, 2008, Matthews International Corporation issued a press release announcing the declaration of a quarterly dividend of \$0.065 per share on the Company's common stock. The quarterly dividend has been increased one-half cent per share from \$0.06 to \$0.065. The dividend is payable November 14, 2008 to stockholders of record October 31, 2008. 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 October 16, 2008, 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: October 17, 2008

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