FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---|---------------|-------|--|---|----------|-----------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BECK DAVID F | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP [MATW] | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) TWO NORTHSHORE CENTER | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/16/2016 | | | | | | | V | P and Contro | oller | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| PITTSBURGH, PA 15212 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui | | | | | | | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | |
| 1.Title of Securi (Instr. 3) | Instr. 3) Dat | | Transaction late Month/Day/Year) | | Date, if | rate, if Code (Instr. 8) | | on 4. Securities Acqu (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or V Amount (D) P | | of (D) | D) Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Following (s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Class A Comr | mon St | ock 1 | 1/16/2016 | | | A(1) | | 3,000 | A | \$ 0 | 29,949 | | | D | |
| Class A Com | mon St | ock 1 | 1/17/2016 | | | F ⁽²⁾ | | 510 | 11) | \$ 67.40 | 29,949 | | | D | |
| | | | | Derivative S | | es Acquire | the f | form dis isposed o | plays a f, or Be | a curre eneficial | ntly valid | d OMB cor | espond unl ntrol numb | | 02) |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security (Instr. 3) 1. Transaction Date Of Derivative Security Security 2. 3. Transaction Date Of Date Of Date Of Date Of Derivative Security | | | ear) any | | | of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Amo Und Secu | itle and bunt of erlying urities rr. 3 and | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions (Instr. 4) | Ownersh Form of Derivativ Security: Direct (I or Indire | ve Ownership v: (Instr. 4) D) | |
| | | | | Cod | e V | (A) (D) | Date Exe | - | Expiration Date | on Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Reportin | ıg O | wners | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Relation | ships | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% (| | | Owner Officer Oth | | | | her | | | | | | | | |

Signatures

BECK DAVID F

| David F Beck | 11/18/2016 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

TWO NORTHSHORE CENTER PITTSBURGH, PA 15212

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

VP and Controller

Award of restricted stock under the Company's 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, subject to the agreement entered into under the Plan. In General, 50% of the shares vest on November 16, 2019, subject to continuing employment at that time; 25% of the shares vest in increments of one-third upon the stock price of the Company reaching 105%, 115% and 125% of the price of the Company's common stock on the date of the award for ten consecutive trading days, respectively; and 25% of the shares vest in

- (1) increments of one-third upon the adjusted earnings per share of the company reaching \$3.65, \$3.94 and \$4.26; and in any event no earlier than one year from the date of the grant, subject to continuing employment at that time. Shares that do not achieve the stock price thresholds on or before November 16, 2021 will be forfeited. Shares that do not achieve the adjusted earnings per share thresholds on or before November 16, 2019 will be forfeited.
- (2) Sale of shares to the registrant to cover tax withholdings on the vesting of restricted shares.

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