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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| (Print or Type Responses | s) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|--|--|-----------------------------|------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Marsh Robert M | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP [MATW] | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 108 NANTUCKET DRIVE | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/16/2016 | | | | | | | | V | P and Treas | urer | |
| (Street) PITTSBURGH, PA 15238 | | | 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 | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed | | | | | | | osed of, or | Beneficially | Owned | | |
| (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | | (A) or Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | of (D) | D) Beneficially Owned Follow Reported Transaction(s) | | Following | Form: | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial | |
| | | | (Month/Day/ i | ear) | Code | V | Amoun | (A) or | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Class A Common Ste | ock 11/1 | 6/2016 | | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 3,000 | A | \$ 0 | 11,342 | | | D | |
| Class A Common Sto | ock 11/1 | 7/2016 | | | F(2) | | 125 | 11) | \$ 67.40 | 11,342 | | | D | |
| | | | Derivative Secu | | | the ted, D | tained i form di | n this fo splays a of, or Be | orm are a curre eneficial | e not req ntly valid | uired to re | nformation espond un ntrol numb | less | 02) |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y | | 3A. Deemed Execution Da | 4. Transact Code Year) (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Ode Derivative | | and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Am Und Sec | | | Title and count of derlying urities str. 3 and Security (Instr. 5) | | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | Ownersh Form of Derivati Security Direct (l or Indire | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code | v | (A) (D) | | e ercisable | Expirati Date | on Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Reporting O | wners | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Signatures

Marsh Robert M

Reporting Owner Name / Address

108 NANTUCKET DRIVE PITTSBURGH, PA 15238

| Robert M Marsh | 11/18/2016 |
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| Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

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).

10% Owner

Director

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

Other

VP and Treasurer

- (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) Sales of shares to the registrant to cover tax withholdings on the vesting of restricted shares.

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