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 | | -, | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SCHAWK DAVID A | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP [MATW] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director _X_ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 674 SKYE LANE | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/31/2017 | | | | | | Preside | ent, Brand S | olutions | | |
| (Street) BARRINGTON, IL 60010 | | | | 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-Deriv | | | | vative S | ecurities . | Acqui | ired, Dispo | osed of, or I | Beneficially | Owned | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | of | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Ownership Form: Direct (D) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | Code V Amount (A) or P | | Price | | | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | | | | | | |
| Class A C | Common St | ock | 08/31/2017 | | G | V | 9,516 | D | \$ 0 | 9,370 | | | D | |
| Class A C | Common St | ock | 08/31/2017 | | G | V | 9,516 | A | \$ 0 | 192,783 | | | I | As Trustee (1) |
| Reminder: I | Report on a | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| SCHAWK DAVID A 674 SKYE LANE BARRINGTON, IL 60010 | X | | President, Brand Solutions | | | |

Signatures

| David A Schawk | 09/05/2017 |
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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).
- (1) This report does not reflect shares held by a tax exempt section 501(c)(3) charitable trust for which the reporting person serves as trustee as the reporting person holds no pecuniary interest in the shares owned by the charitable trust.

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