FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 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) 02/21/2018 | | | | | | | Presid | ent, Brand S | olutions | | | |
| (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 | | | | | |
| BARRINGTON, IL 60010 | | | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (City) | (8 | State) | (Zip) | 7 | Tabl | e I - Non- | Deriv | vative Se | curities | Acqui | uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquire (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | of | d 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Form: Direct (D) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | Price | | | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| Class A Commor | n Stocl | k 0 | 2/21/2018 | | | G | V | 3,172 | D | \$ 0 | 15,785 | | | D | |
| | | | 2/21/2018 | | | G | V | 3,172 | A | \$ 0 | 192,205 | | | I | As Trustee |
| Class A Commor | n Stocl | k 0 | 2/21/2018 | | |) | | - , . | | | | | | | <u>(1)</u> |
| Class A Commor | | | | rities beneficial | ly ow | | | | | | | | | | (1) |
| Reminder: Report or | | | | rities beneficial | ly ov | wned direc | etly or | ons who | this fo | nd to | e not req | uired to re | oformation espond unl | ess | EC 1474 (9- 02) |
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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

| /s/ Brian D. Walters (Attorney-in-Fact) | 02/23/2018 |
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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.

Remarks:

The Power of Attorney dated November 17, 2017 is filed herewith

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned, David Schawk, does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint as his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents with authority limited to and as specifically set forth herein, Brian Walters, Micl Each Attorney-in-Fact hereunder shall have the authority to: act, sign, execute and deliver for and behalf of and in the place and stead of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a director and/or officer of the Company, th The undersigned hereby grants to each such Attorney-in-Fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and pow This Limited Power of Attorney shall commence on the date of execution and shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Form 3, 4, or 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and t

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed on November 17, 2017.

By: /s/ David Schawk Name: David Schawk