

**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): November 1, 2019

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania (State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation or organization)	0-09115 (Commission File Number)	25-0644320 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
TWO NORTSHORE CENTER, PITTSBURGH, PA (Address of principal executive offices)		15212-5851 (Zip Code)

(412) 442-8200
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	MATW	Nasdaq Global Select Market

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective November 1, 2019, Matthews International Corporation ("Matthews" or the "Company") issued a press release announcing the retirement of David A. Schawk from his role as Group President, SGK Brand Solutions and as an officer of Matthews. Mr. Schawk will continue to serve as a member of the Company's Board of Directors. A copy of the press release with respect to Mr. Schawk's retirement is furnished hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
<u>99.1</u>	Press Release, dated November 1, 2019, issued by Matthews International Corporation.

SIGNATURE

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: /s/ Steven F. Nicola

Steven F. Nicola
Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

Date: November 1, 2019



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NEWS RELEASE

November 1, 2019

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DAVID SCHAWK RETIRES AS GROUP PRESIDENT, SGK BRAND SOLUTIONS

PITTSBURGH, NOVEMBER 1, 2019- [Matthews International Corporation](#) (NASDAQ GSM: MATW) announced that David Schawk, group president, SGK Brand Solutions will retire today, November 1, 2019, from his role providing strategic oversight of the SGK Group, and as an officer of Matthews International. He will continue to serve as a member of the Matthews Board of Directors.

In making the announcement, Joseph C. Bartolacci, President and CEO of Matthews International remarked, "David joined the business his father founded in the late 1970's and dedicated his life to building an industry-leading company that has today, earned the trust of the most respected global brands in the world. Since his election as President and CEO of Schawk, Inc. in 1993, David led the company during a period of significant industry disruption, transforming it from local to global operations, introducing brand development capabilities and building technologies that continue to enhance the value we add to hundreds of the largest companies around the world."

In his remarks to staff, David said, "It has been a pleasure to work for Matthews and an honor to have played a small role in its rich 170-year history. I look forward to continuing my involvement in the organization's continued transformation as a member of the board."

After Matthews' acquisition of Schawk, Inc. (SGK) in 2014, David continued to provide stewardship to the newly integrated brand business, and then to Matthews as a whole, always leading with strong values and unparalleled integrity. His legacy will remain as a thread through the fabric of our company.

About Matthews International Corporation

Matthews International Corporation is a global provider of brand solutions, memorialization products and industrial technologies. The SGK Brand Solutions segment is a leader in providing brand development, deployment and delivery services that help build our clients' brands and consumers' desire for them. The Memorialization segment is a leading provider of memorialization products, including memorials, caskets and cremation equipment, primarily to cemetery and funeral home customers that help families move from grief to remembrance. The Industrial Technologies segment designs, manufactures and distributes marking, coding and industrial automation technologies and solutions. Globally headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Matthews International is home to a global network of employees who work to continually expand, encourage and inspire greater possibilities for growth-for our clients, our community and our company.

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