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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br><u>Gackenbach Steven D</u> |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>MATHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP [ MATW ]</u> |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br>Director _____ 10% Owner _____<br>Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____<br><u>Group President, Memorializati</u> |  |  |
| (Last)  | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>11/14/2022</u>                     |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person     |  |  |
| TWO NORTSHORE CENTER  |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)<br><u>PITTSBURGH PA 15212</u>                                  |         |          |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  |         |          |   |  |  |  |  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |        | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|--------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price  |   |  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 11/14/2022                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 4,550   | A          | \$0    | 62,072  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 11/14/2022                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 1,296   | D          | \$27.6 | 60,776  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 11/15/2022                           |  | D                              |   | 1,700   | D          | \$0    | 59,076  | D  |   |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |       | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Restricted Share Units                     | \$0.0  | 11/14/2022                           |  | M                              |   |  | 4,550 | (1)  | (1)             | Class A Common Stock  | 4,550                                      | \$0  | 8,450   | D  |       |
| Restricted Share Units                     | \$0.0 <sup>(3)</sup>                                   | 11/14/2022                           |  | A                              |   | 23,000   |       | (4)  | (4)             | Class A Common Stock  | 23,000 <sup>(4)</sup>                      | \$0  | 23,000  | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- On November 14, 2022, the vesting date, the time-based restricted share units converted into an equal number of shares of the Company's Class A common stock.
- Sale of shares to the registrant to cover tax withholding on the vesting of restricted share units.
- Award of restricted share units under the Company's Amended and Restated 2017 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), subject to the agreement entered into under the Plan. Each restricted share unit represents a contingent right to receive shares of the Company's common stock as described below.
- In general, 40% of the grant vests on November 14, 2025; 30% of the grant vests at target based upon the Company achieving certain metrics based on Return on Invested Capital ("ROIC"); and 30% of the grant vests at target based upon the Company achieving certain metrics based on adjusted earnings per share. Vesting of all units are generally subject to continuing employment through November 14, 2025. Upon vesting, time-based units will be converted to an equal number of shares of the Company's common stock; performance-based units will be converted to the Company's common stock using a factor ranging from 50% to 200% based upon the level of achievement of the performance thresholds related to the above targets. Performance related units that do not achieve the ROIC or earnings per share thresholds by the end of the performance period will be forfeited.

**Remarks:**

The Power of Attorney dated November 17, 2017 was filed on November 14, 2018, in Form 4, and is incorporated herein by reference.

/s/ Brian D. Walters (Attorney-in-Fact) 11/16/2022

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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