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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person-<br>OBRIEN MORGAN K |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP<br>[MATW] |                    |   |        |               | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Officer (give title below)Other (specify below)                    |   |   |   |
|---|---|--|--------------------|---|--------|---------------|--|---|---|---|
| (Last) (First)<br>TWO NORTHSHORE CENTER                     |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>03/11/2021                       |                    |   |        |               |  |   |   |   |
| (Street)<br>PITTSBURGH, PA 15212                            | 4   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                                 |                    |   |        |               | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br>Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |   |
| (City) (State)  | (Zip)   | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned     |                    |   |        |               |  |   |   |   |
| 1.Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3)                           | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8)   |                    | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |        |               | Owned Following Reported<br>Transaction(s)   | Ownership<br>Form: of Indirect<br>Beneficia | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |   |
|   |   | (Wond) Duy, Four   | Code               | v   | Amount | (A) or<br>(D) | Price  | x /   | or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4)                    | - |
| Class A Common Stock  | 03/14/2021  |  | M <mark>(1)</mark> |   | 3,291  | А             | \$0  | 19,960                                      | D   |   |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| ( <i>e.g.</i> , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |            |   |      |   |   |       |   |                    |                            |  |   |            |            |  |
|---|---|------------|---|------|---|---|-------|---|--------------------|----------------------------|--|---|------------|------------|--|
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                     | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |            | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code |   | 5. Number of Derivative 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date |       | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    | Derivative<br>Security     | ivative Derivative<br>urity Securities | Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) | Beneficial |            |  |
|   |   |            |   | Code | v | (A)   | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date |                            | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares    |   | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |  |
| Restricted<br>Share<br>Units  | \$ 0  | 03/14/2021 |   | М    |   |   | 3,291 | (1)   | <u>(1)</u>         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 3,291.00                               | \$ 0  | 0          | D          |  |
| Restricted<br>Share<br>Units  | \$ 0 <u>(2)</u>   | 03/11/2021 |   | А    |   | 2,988<br>( <u>3</u> )   |       | <u>(4)</u>  | <u>(4)</u>         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 2,988.00<br><u>(4)</u>                 | \$ 0  | 2,988      | D          |  |

## **Reporting Owners**

|  | Relationships |              |         |       |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Director      | 10%<br>Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| OBRIEN MORGAN K<br>TWO NORTHSHORE CENTER<br>PITTSBURGH, PA 15212 | Х             |              |         |       |  |  |  |

## Signatures

| /s/ Brian D. Walters (Attorney-in-Fact) | 03/15/2021 |
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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) On March 14, 2021, the vesting date, the time-based restricted share units converted into an equal number of shares of the Company's Class A common stock.

- (2) Award of restricted share units made under the 2019 Director Fee Plan subject to the agreement entered into under the Plan. Each restricted share unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's Class A common stock.
- (3) The number of restricted share units issued by the Issuer to the Reporting Person was calculated based on \$41.84, which represents the mean of the highest and lowest sales prices per share of the Issuer's Class A common stock on the Nasdaq Exchange on the date of issuance.
- (4) The award generally vests on March 11, 2023 at which point the units will be converted to an equal number of shares of the Company's Class A common stock.

#### **Remarks:**

The Power of Attorney dated November 17, 2017 was filed on March 9, 2018, in Form 4, and is incorporated herein by reference.

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