## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address <u>Walters Brian</u> | s of Reporting Person* |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP</u> [ MATW] |          | tionship of Reporting Pers<br>all applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title | on(s) to Issuer<br>10% Owner<br>Other (specify |  |  |  |  |
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| (Street)<br>PITTSBURGH<br>(City)         | PA<br>(State)          | (Zip)    | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                               | 6. Indiv | idual or Joint/Group Filing<br>Form filed by One Rep<br>Form filed by More tha   | · · · · /                                      |  |  |  |  |

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

|                                 |                                            | •                                                           |                                 | - | -                                  |               |                   |                                                                                          |                                                                   |                                                     |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transac<br>Code (In<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Ad<br>Disposed Of (D |               |                   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially Owned<br>Following Reported<br>Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|                                 |                                            |                                                             | Code                            | v | Amount                             | (A) or<br>(D) | Price             | (Instr. 3 and 4)                                                                         |                                                                   | (Instr. 4)                                          |
| Class A Common Stock            | 11/14/2022                                 |                                                             | <b>M</b> <sup>(1)</sup>         |   | 4,550                              | A             | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 41,084                                                                                   | D                                                                 |                                                     |
| Class A Common Stock            | 11/14/2022                                 |                                                             | F <sup>(2)</sup>                |   | 2,083                              | D             | \$27.6            | 39,001                                                                                   | D                                                                 |                                                     |
| Class A Common Stock            | 11/15/2022                                 |                                                             | D                               |   | 1,600                              | D             | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 37,401                                                                                   | D                                                                 |                                                     |

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

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transac<br>Code (In<br>8) |   | 5. Numb<br>Derivativ<br>Securitie<br>Acquired<br>Dispose<br>(Instr. 3,<br>5) | ve<br>es<br>d (A) or<br>d of (D) | 6. Date Exerce<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/ | ate                | 7. Title and Ai<br>Securities Un<br>Derivative Se<br>3 and 4) | derlying                         | Security Securities Form:<br>(Instr. 5) Beneficially Direct (I<br>Owned or Indire<br>Following (I) (Instr<br>Reported Transaction(s) |            | Ownership | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                            |                                                             | Code                            | v | (A)                                                                          | (D)                              | Date<br>Exercisable                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                         | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |                                                                                                                                      | (Instr. 4) |           |                                                                    |
| Restricted Share<br>Units                           | \$0.0                                                                 | 11/14/2022                                 |                                                             | М                               |   |                                                                              | 4,550                            | (1)                                            | (1)                | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                    | 4,550                            | \$0                                                                                                                                  | 8,450      | D         |                                                                    |
| Restricted Share<br>Units                           | \$0.0 <sup>(3)</sup>                                                  | 11/14/2022                                 |                                                             | A                               |   | 20,000                                                                       |                                  | (4)                                            | (4)                | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                                    | 20,000 <sup>(4)</sup>            | \$0                                                                                                                                  | 20,000     | D         |                                                                    |

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. 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.

2. Sale of shares to the registrant to cover tax withholding on the vesting of restricted share units.

3. 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.

4. 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 forfieted.

Remarks:

| Brian D Walters |
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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

11/16/2022

Date

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

 $^{\ast}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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