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

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

0-9115

25-0644320

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
Two NorthShore Center, Pittsburgh,	PA 	15212-5851
(Address of principal executive offi	ces)	(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, inclu	ding area code:	(412) 442-8200

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Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

Pennsylvania

On April 23, 2004, Matthews International Corporation issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors approved the continuation of its stock repurchase program and increased the total authorization for stock repurchases by an additional two million shares. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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SIGNATURES

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

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undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION (Registrant)

By Steven F. Nicola

Steven F. Nicola Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer

Date: April 26, 2004

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The following Exhibit to this report is filed herewith.

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press release, dated April 23, 2004, issued by

Matthews International Corporation.