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July 20, 2004

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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):
July 20, 2004

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Pennsylvania | 0-9115 | 25-0644320 |
| ----- | ----- | ----- |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

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| Two NorthShore Center, Pittsburgh, PA | 15212-5851 |
| ----- | ----- |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

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

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Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 20, 2004, Matthews International Corporation issued a press release announcing its earnings for the third fiscal quarter of 2004. 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 undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

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MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By Steven F. Nicola

Steven F. Nicola
Chief Financial Officer,
Secretary and Treasurer

Date: July 20, 2004

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The following Exhibit to this report is filed herewith.

| Exhibit No. ----- | Description ----- |
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| 99.1 | Press release, dated July 20, 2004, issued by Matthews International Corporation. |