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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP [MATW] À Ciccone Jennifer Ann (Month/Day/Year) 02/19/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) TWO NORTHSHORE CENTER (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person PITTSBURGH, Â PA Â 15212 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One V.P., Human Resources Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Class A Common Stock 8,545 (1) (2) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.},\ puts,\ calls,\ warrants,\ options,\ convertible\ securities)$

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of
Security	Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Indirect Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	y/Year) Derivative Security		Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	T:41- A	Derivative	Security:	
		Title Amount or Number of	Security	Direct (D)	
		Number of		or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option	11/15/2003 <u>(3)</u>	11/15/2010(4)	Class A Common Stock	1,000	\$ 14.03	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	01/17/2005	01/17/2012	Class A Common Stock	750	\$ 24.37	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	12/19/2005	12/19/2012	Class A Common Stock	2,000	\$ 21.81	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	12/15/2006	12/15/2013	Class A Common Stock	2,000	\$ 28.575	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	11/16/2007	11/16/2014	Class A Common Stock	1,500	\$ 36.025	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	11/16/2008	11/16/2015	Class A Common Stock	2,750	\$ 37.285	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	11/15/2009	11/15/2016	Class A Common Stock	9,500	\$ 40.555	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Ciccone Jennifer Ann TWO NORTHSHORE CENTER PITTSBURGH. PA 15212	Â	Â	V.P., Human Resources	Â	

Signatures

Jennifer A.
Ciccone

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

Includes 2,750 shares of restricted stock under the Company's 1992 Stock Incentive Plan, subject to the agreement entered into under the Plan. In general, 1,650 shares vest on November 12, 2010 subject to continuing employment at that time. Of the remaining shares, 550

(1) shares and 550 shares, respectively, vest upon the stock price of the Company reaching 125% and 140% of the price of the Company's common stock on November 12, 2007 for ten consecutive trading days, subject to continuing employment at that time. Shares that do not achieve the stock price thresholds on or before November 12, 2012 will be forfeited.

Reporting Owners 2

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Includes 3,900 shares of restricted stock under the Company's 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, subject to the agreement entered into under the Plan. In general, 50% of the shares vest on November 12, 2011, subject to continuing employment at that time. The remaining 50% of the shares vest in increments of one-third upon the stock price of the Company reaching 110%, 125% and 140% of the price of the

- Company's common stock on the date of the award for ten consecutive trading days, respectively, and in any event no earlier than one year from the date of the grant, subject to continuing employment at that time. Shares that do not achieve the stock price thresholds on or before November 12, 2013 will be forfeited.
- Date first exercisable. Subject to the agreements entered into under the Company's 1992 Stock Incentive Plan, in general, the options vest in increments of one-third upon the later to occur of three, four and five years, respectively, from the grant date, and the stock price of the Company reaching 110%. 133% and 160% of the exercise price for ten consecutive trading days, respectively.
- (4) Date last exercisable in accordance with such agreement.

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