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REPORTING OWNER

Gackenbach Steven D

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ISSUER

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP

CIK: **63296** | IRS No.: **250644320** | State of Incorporation: **PA** | Fiscal Year End: **0930**

SIC: **3360** Nonferrous foundries (castings)

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Gackenbach Steven D (Last) (First) (Middle) TWO NORTSHORE CENTER (Street) PITTSBURGH, PA 15212 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/31/2011	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP [MATW]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Group President, Memorializati	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	1,250 (1)	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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

Explanation of Responses:

- Includes 1,250 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 January 20, 2014, 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 105%, 115% and 125% 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 January 20, 2016 will be forfeited.

Signatures

Steven D. Gackenbach
** Signature of Reporting Person

11/07/2011
Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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