Whitaker Jerry R. Form 4 March 18, 2019

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Whitaker Jerry R.

(Last)

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP [MATW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/14/2019

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

TWO NORTHSHORE CENTER

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Officer (give title

Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Person

Issuer

below)

X Director

PITTSBURGH, PA 15212

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1.Title of

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

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

(I) (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

10% Owner

Other (specify

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Number:

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Estimated average

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(Instr. 4)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					(Inst
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Share Units	\$ 0 (1)	03/14/2019		A	3,291 (2)	(3)	<u>(3)</u>	Class A Common Stock	3,291 (3)	\$
Deferred Stock Units under 2014 Director	<u>(4)</u>	03/14/2019		A	71 <u>(5)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Class A Common Stock	71 ⁽⁵⁾	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Whitaker Jerry R. TWO NORTHSHORE CENTER PITTSBURGH, PA 15212	X					

Signatures

Fee Plan

/s/ Brian D. Walters
(Attorney-in-Fact)

03/18/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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).
- (1) Award of restricted share units made under the 2019 Director Fee Plan subject to the agreement entered into under the 2019 Director Fee Plan. Each restricted share unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
- The number of restricted share units issued by the Issuer to the Reporting Person was calculated based on \$37.99, which represents the mean of the highest and lowest sales prices per share of the Issuer's Class A common stock on the Nasdaq Exchange on the date of issuance.
- The award generally vests on March 14, 2021 at which point the units will be converted to an equal number of shares of the Company's common stock. Upon the vesting of this award of restricted share units, the reporting person deferred the receipt of the Class A common stock underlying the award subject to a timely deferral election, unless such deferral election is timely modified or revoked pursuant to its terms.
- (4) Each Deferred Stock Unit ("DSU") is the economic equivalent of one share of Class A common stock. The DSUs become payable in common stock in accordance with a deferral election made by the reporting person or pursuant to the Issuer's Amended and Restated

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2014 Director Fee Plan. A copy of such deferral election is on file with the Issuer.

DSUs were issued by the Issuer to the Reporting Person pursuant to dividend equivalent rights issued in the following increments: 15 on 05/15/2018; 15 on 08/13/2018; 20 on 12/10/2018; 21 on 02/18/2019.

Remarks:

The Power of Attorney dated November 29, 2017 was filed on March 9, 2018, in Form 4, and is incorporated herein by reference Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.