

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BARTOLACCI JOSEPH C**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL  
 CORP [MATW]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/05/2007**

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
 Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President and CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock	12/05/2007		A <sup>(1)</sup>	34,800	A \$ 0 74,829	D	

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)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BARTOLACCI JOSEPH C	X		President and CEO	

### Signatures

Joseph C. Bartolacci                      12/06/2007  
 \*\*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).
- Award of restricted stock under the Company's 1992 Stock Incentive Plan, subject to the agreement entered into under the Plan. In general, 50% of the shares vest on December 5, 2010, subject to continuing employment at that time. The remaining 50% of the shares
- (1) 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, subject to continuing employment at that time. Shares that do not achieve the stock price thresholds on or before December 5, 2012 will be forfeited.

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