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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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Schlatter Martin

Symbol MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

CORP [MATW]

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Last) (First) (Middle)

410 N. MICHIGAN AVE.

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

(Month/Day/Year)

03/12/2009

CHICAGO, IL 60611

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

OMB

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1.Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Class A

Common Stock

03/12/2009

 $A^{(1)}$

2,230

A \$0 3,430

Price

(A)

or

(D)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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. Pric Deriva Securi (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Unit	(2)	03/12/2009		A(3)	1,911	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Class A Common	1,911	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting o where there is a real constant of the constant of	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Schlatter Martin 410 N. MICHIGAN AVE. CHICAGO, IL 60611	X						

Signatures

Martin Schlatter 03/16/2009

**Signature of 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 stock made under the 1994 Director Fee Plan, as amended, subject to the agreement entered into under the Plan. In general, the shares vest on the second anniversary of the award.
- **(2)** 1 for 1.
- (3) Formula award made under the 1994 Director Fee Plan, as amended, based on market price at time of grant.
- (4) Payments on phantom stock units commence on April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the reporting person ceases to be a member of the Board of Directors.

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