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

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania	0-9115	25-0644320
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
Two NorthShore Center, Pittsburgh, PA		15212-5851
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, inc	luding area code:	(412) 442-8200

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Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 20, 2004, Matthews International Corporation issued a press release announcing its earnings for the first fiscal quarter of 2004. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

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MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION (Registrant)

By Steven F. Nicola

Steven F. Nicola Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer

Date: January 21, 2004

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The following Exhibit to this report is filed herewith.

Exhibit

No. Description
-----99.1 Press release, dated January 20, 2004, issued by

Matthews International Corporation.