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August 31, 2004

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

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
August 27, 2004

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania	0-9115	25-0644320
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Two NorthShore Center, Pittsburgh, PA	15212-5851
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (412) 442-8200  
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Item 8. Other Events

On August 27, 2004, Matthews International Corporation purchased The InTouch Group plc ("InTouch"), a leading provider of reprographic services to the packaging industry in the United Kingdom. InTouch is headquartered in Leeds, England and has operations in London, Portsmouth, Manchester and Boston, Massachusetts. The acquisition is intended to further Matthews' position as a provider of reprographic services to the European packaging industry.

The transaction was structured as an asset purchase, at a cost of approximately \$39 million.

A copy of the press release announcing the acquisition is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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.

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By Steven F. Nicola

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Steven F. Nicola  
Chief Financial Officer,  
Secretary and Treasurer

Date: August 31, 2004

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The following Exhibit to this report is filed herewith.

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
99.1	Press release, dated August 30, 2004, issued by Matthews International Corporation.

