#### OLEARY JOHN PJR

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## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * OLEARY JOHN P JR			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP [MATW]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M		3. Date of (Month/Date 03/13/20					_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
	(Street)		Filed(Month/Day/Year)  Appl _X1				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by	_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) of (D) 4 and (A) or	))	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2008			A <u>(1)</u>	1,200	A	\$ 0	3,519	D		
Class A Common Stock	03/13/2008			A	0	A	\$0	12,098	I	Held in trust for the benefit of spouse.	

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
OLEARY JOHN P JR							
	X						

## **Signatures**

John P. O'Leary,
Jr.

\*\*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 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.

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