

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP

Form 8-K

October 19, 2006

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):

October 19, 2006

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-9115
(Commission File
Number)

25-0644320
(IRS Employer Identification
No.)

Two NorthShore Center, Pittsburgh, PA 15212-5851

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (412) 442-8200

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On October 19, 2006, Matthews International Corporation issued a press release announcing the declaration of a quarterly dividend of \$0.055 per share on the Company's common stock. The quarterly dividend has been increased one-half cent per share (10%) from \$0.05 to \$0.055. The dividend is payable November 14, 2006 to stockholders of record October 31, 2006. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated October 19, 2006, issued by Matthews International Corporation.

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

Steven F. Nicola
Chief Financial Officer,
Secretary and Treasurer

Date: October 19, 2006