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July 23, 2003

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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):
July 22, 2003

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| ----- Pennsylvania ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | ----- 0-9115 and 0-24494 ----- (Commission File Numbers) | ----- 25-0644320 ----- (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| ----- Two NorthShore Center, Pittsburgh, PA ----- (Address of principal executive offices) | ----- 15212-5851 ----- (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (412) 442-8200

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Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 12, "Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition."

On July 22, 2003, Matthews International Corporation issued a press release announcing its earnings for the third fiscal quarter of 2003. 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

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registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By Edward J. Boyle

Edward J. Boyle
Chief Financial Officer,
Secretary and Treasurer

Date: July 23, 2003

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The following Exhibit to this report is filed herewith.

| Exhibit No. ----- | Description ----- |
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| 99.1 | Press release, dated July 22, 2003, issued by Matthews International Corporation. |