

Babe Gregory S.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Babe Gregory S.

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) (Middle)
TWO NORTHSORE CENTER
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/08/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

PITTSBURGH, PA 15212
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock	03/08/2012		A ⁽¹⁾	2,589	A \$ 0 4,822	D	

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Phantom Stock Unit	(2)	03/08/2012		A ⁽³⁾	2,185	(4) (4)	Class A Common Stock	2,185 \$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Babe Gregory S. TWO NORTHSORE CENTER PITTSBURGH, PA 15212			X	

Signatures

Gregory S. Babe 03/12/2012

__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.
- (2) 1 for 1.
- (3) Formula award made under the 1994 Director Fee Plan, as amended, based on market price at time of award.
- (4) Payments on phantom stock units commence on April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the reporting person ceases to be a member of the Board of Directors

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