Murray Ralph W Form 4 November 24, 2004

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Murray Ralph W

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORP [MATW]

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

11/23/2004

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

4250 OLD WILLIAM PENN

HIGHWAY

(City)

(Last)

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

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

Chairman, Cloverleaf Group Inc

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities A	cquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of			
(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect			
	any	Code	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial			
	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)			Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership			
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)			
			(4)		Reported					
					Transaction(s)					
		Code V		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)					
				Φ.						
11/23/2004		P	2,800 A	\$ 35.23	2,800	D				
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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4.	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da		7. Title Amou		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Monun Day/ Year)	execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/		Under Securi	lying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Murray Ralph W 4250 OLD WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY PITTSBURGH, PA 15146

Chairman, Cloverleaf Group Inc

Signatures

Ralph W. 11/24/2004 Murray

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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