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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

Babe Gregory S.

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL

(Check all applicable)

CORP [MATW] (Middle)

(Zip)

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

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

TWO NORTHSHORE CENTER

(State)

(First)

03/08/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

(Street) Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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D

Person

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

PITTSBURGH, PA 15212

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1.Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities 3. TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Class A

Common 03/08/2012 Stock

 $A^{(1)}$ \$0 2,589 Α 4,822

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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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. Pric Deriva Securi (Instr.
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock Unit	<u>(2)</u>	03/08/2012	A(3)	2,185	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Class A Common Stock	2,185	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Babe Gregory S.						
TWO NORTHSHORE CENTER	X					
PITTSBURGH, PA 15212						

Signatures

Gregory S. Babe 03/12/2012

**Signature of 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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