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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-0404

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Mail Stop 7010

Via U.S. mail and facsimile

Mr. Joseph C. Bartolacci, President
and Chief Executive Officer
Matthews International Corporation
Two Northshore Center
Pittsburgh, PA 15212-0188

Re: Matthews International Corporation
Annual Report on Form 10-K for the FYE September 30, 2007
Filed on November 27, 2007
File No. 0-09115

Dear Mr. Bartolacci:

We have completed our review of your 2007 Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

If you have any further questions regarding our review of your filings, please direct them to Dorine H. Miller, Financial Analyst at (202) 551-3711 or, in her absence, contact Brigitte P. Lippmann, Reviewer at (202) 551-3713

Sincerely,

Pamela A. Long
Assistant Director