SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

> FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

MATRIX SERVICE COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

73-1352174 (I.R.S.Employer Identification No.)

10701 East Ute Street Tulsa, Oklahoma 74116 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

> MATRIX SERVICE COMPANY 1995 NONEMPLOYEE DIRECTORS' STOCK OPTION PLAN (Full title of the plan)

C. William Lee 10701 East Ute Street Tulsa, Oklahoma 74116 (918) 838-8822 (Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to	Amount to	Proposed maximum
be registered	be registered	offering price per share
Common Stock,	250,000	\$6.75 (1)

par value \$0.01 per share

Proposed maximum aggregate offering price Amount of registration fee -----\$1,687,500 (1) \$582.00 (1)

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, based upon the average of the high and low prices of a share of the Company's Common Stock on the NASDAQ National Market System on April 17, 1996 pursuant to Rule 457(c).

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference.

Matrix Service Company ("the Company") incorporates herein by reference the following documents as of their respective dates as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"):

- The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May (1)31, 1995;
- The Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended (2) August 31, 1995, November 30, 1995 and February 29, 1996; and
- (3) The description of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), contained in Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A which was filed with the Commission on September 28, 1990 pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(e), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all such

securities then remaining unsold shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing such documents.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

The information required by Item 4. is not applicable to this Registration Statement since the class of securities to be offered is registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

The information required by Item 5. is not applicable to this Registration Statement.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 of the General Corporation Law, inter alia, empowers a Delaware corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. Similar indemnity is authorized for such persons against expenses (including attorney fees') actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of any such threatened, pending or completed action or suit if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and provided further that (unless a court of competent jurisdiction otherwise provides) such person shall not have been adjudged liable to the corporation. Any such indemnification may be made only as authorized in each specific case upon a determination by the stockholders or disinterested directors or by independent legal counsel in a written opinion that indemnification is proper because the indemnitee has met the applicable standard of conduct.

Section 145 further authorizes a corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise, against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the corporation would otherwise have the power to indemnify him under Section 145. The Company maintains policies insuring its officers and directors against certain liabilities for actions taken in such capacities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933.

Article IX of the Company's Bylaws provides for indemnification of the directors and officers of the Company to the full extent permitted by law, as now in effect or later amended.

Article XII of the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides that the Company shall, to the full extent permitted under Section 145 of the Delaware law, indemnify all persons whom the Company may indemnify pursuant thereto.

Article X of the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation limited under certain circumstances the liability of the Company's directors for a breach of their fiduciary duty as directors. These provisions do not eliminate the liability of a director (i) for a breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Company or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (relating to the declaration of dividends and purchase or redemption of shares in violation of the Delaware General Corporation Law) or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

The information required by Item 7. is not applicable to this Registration Statement.

Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number Description

- 4.1 Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Matrix Service Company (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 33-36081), as amended, and incorporated herein by reference)
- 4.2 Bylaws of Matrix Service Company, as amended (filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 33-36081), as amended, and incorporated herein by reference)
- 4.3* Matrix Service Company 1995 Nonemployee Directors' Stock Option Plan
- 4.4* Form of Stock Option Agreement for general use under the 1995 Nonemployee Directors' Stock Option Plan
- 5.1* Opinion of Counsel
- 23.1* The consent of counsel is included in the opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1 to this Registration Statement
- 23.2* Consent of Ernst & Young.
- 24* Power of Attorney (set forth on the signature page contained in Part II of this Registration Statement)
- Filed with this Registration Statement

Item 9. Undertakings.

- (a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
- (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement;
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or

otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Tulsa, State of Oklahoma, on the 10th day of April, 1996.

Matrix Service Company

By: /S/ DOYL D. WEST Doyl D. West President and Chief Executive Officer

I. Purpose of the Plan

The MATRIX SERVICE COMPANY 1995 NONEMPLOYEE DIRECTORS' STOCK OPTION PLAN (the "Plan") is intended to promote the interests of MATRIX SERVICE COMPANY, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and its stockholders by helping to award and retain highly-qualified independent directors and allowing them to develop a sense of proprietorship and personal involvement in the development and financial success of the Company. Accordingly, the Company shall grant to directors of the Company who are not employees or consultants of the Company or any of its subsidiaries ("Nonemployee Directors") the option ("Option") to purchase shares of the common stock of the Company ("Stock"), as hereinafter set forth. Options granted under the Plan shall be options which do not constitute incentive stock options, within the meaning of section 422(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

II. Option Agreements

Each Option shall be evidenced by a written agreement in the form attached to the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Plan}}$.

III. Eligibility of Optionee

Options may be granted only to individuals who are Nonemployee Directors of the Company. Each Nonemployee Director who is elected or reelected to the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board) on the effective date of the Plan and each Nonemployee Director who is elected to the Board for the first time after the effective date of the Plan shall receive, as of the date of his or her election and without the exercise of the discretion of any person or persons, an Option exercisable for 10,000 shares of Stock (subject to adjustment in the same manner as provided in Paragraph VII hereof with respect to shares of Stock subject to Options then outstanding). As of the date of the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company in each year that the Plan is in effect as provided in Paragraph VI hereof, each Nonemployee Director then in office who is not then entitled to receive an Option pursuant to the preceding sentence shall receive, without the exercise of the discretion of any person or persons, an Option exercisable for 5,000 shares of Stock (subject in each case to adjustment in the same manner as provided in Paragraph VII hereof with respect to shares of Stock subject to Options then outstanding). If, as of any date that the Plan is in effect, there are not sufficient shares of Stock available under the Plan to allow for the grant to each Nonemployee Director of an Option for the number of shares provided herein, each Nonemployee Director shall receive an Option for his or her pro-rata share of the total number of shares of Stock then available under the Plan. All Options granted under the Plan shall be at the Option price set forth in Paragraph V hereof and shall be subject to adjustment as provided in Paragraph VII hereof.

IV. Shares Subject to the Plan

The aggregate number of shares which may be issued under Options granted under the Plan shall not exceed 250,000 shares of Stock. Such shares may consist of authorized but unissued shares of Stock or previously issued shares of Stock acquired by the Company. Any of such shares which remain unissued and which are not subject to outstanding Options at the termination of the Plan shall cease to be subject to the Plan, but, until termination of the Plan, the Company shall at all times make available a sufficient number of shares to meet the requirements of the Plan. Should any Option hereunder expire or terminate prior to its exercise in full, the shares theretofore subject to such Option which may be issued under the Plan shall be subject to adjustment in the same manner as provided in Paragraph VI hereof with respect to shares of Stock subject to Options then outstanding. Exercise of an Option shall result in a decrease in the number of shares of Stock which may thereafter be available, both for purposes of the Plan and for sale to any one individual, by the number of shares as to which the Option is exercised.

V. Option Price

The purchase price of Stock issued under each Option shall be the fair market value of Stock subject to the Option as of the date the Option is granted. For all purposes under the Plan, the fair market value of a share of Stock on a particular date shall be equal to the closing sales price of the Stock (i) reported by the Nasdaq Stock Market on that date or (ii) if the Stock is listed on a national stock exchange, reported on the stock exchange composite tape on that date; or, in either case, if no prices are reported on that date, on the last preceding date on which such price of the Stock is so reported. If the Stock is traded over the counter at the time a determination of its fair market value is required to be made hereunder, its fair market value shall be deemed to be equal to the average between the reported high and low or closing bid and asked prices of Stock on the most recent date on which Stock was publicly traded. In the event Stock is not publicly traded at the time a determination of its fair market value shall be made hereunder, the determination of its fair market value shall be made by the Board in such manner as it deems appropriate.

VI. Term of Plan

The Plan shall be effective on the date the Plan is approved by the stockholders of the Company. Except with respect to Options then outstanding, if not sooner terminated under the provisions of Paragraph VII, the Plan shall terminate upon and no further Options shall be granted after the expiration of ten years from the date the Plan is approved by the stockholders of the Company.

VII. Recapitalization or Reorganization

A. The existence of the Plan and the Options granted hereunder shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Board or the stockholders of the Company to make or authorize any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization, or other change in the Company's capital structure or its business, any merger or consolidation of the Company, any issue of debt or equity securities, the dissolution or liquidation of the Company or any sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of all or any part of its assets or business or any other corporate act or proceeding.

B. The shares with respect to which Options may be granted are shares of Stock as presently constituted, but if, and whenever, prior to the expiration of an Option theretofore granted, the Company shall effect a subdivision or consolidation of shares of Stock or the payment of a stock dividend on Stock without receipt of consideration by the Company, the number of shares of Stock with respect to which such Option may thereafter be exercised (i) in the event of an increase in the number of outstanding shares shall be proportionately increased, and the purchase price per share shall be proportionately reduced, and (ii) in the event of a reduction in the number of outstanding shares shall be proportionately reduced, and the purchase price per share shall be proportionately increased.

C. If the Company recapitalizes, reclassifies its capital stock, or otherwise changes its capital structure (a "recapitalization"), the number and class of shares of Stock covered by an Option theretofore granted shall be adjusted so that such Option shall thereafter cover the number and class of shares of stock and securities to which the optionee would have been entitled pursuant to the terms of the recapitalization if, immediately prior to the recapitalization, the optionee had been the holder of record of the number of shares of Stock then covered by such Option.

D. Any adjustment provided for in Subparagraph (B) or (C) above shall be subject to any required stockholder action.

E. Except as hereinbefore expressly provided, the issuance by the Company of shares of stock of any class or securities convertible into shares of stock of any class, for cash, property, labor or services, upon direct sale, upon the exercise of rights or warrants to subscribe therefor, or upon conversion of shares or obligations of the Company convertible into such shares or other securities, and in any case whether or not for fair value, shall not affect, and no adjustment by reason thereof shall be made with respect to, the number of shares of Stock subject to Options theretofore granted or the purchase price per share.

VIII. Amendment or Termination of the Plan

The Board in its discretion may terminate the Plan at any time with respect to any shares for which Options have not theretofore been granted. The Board shall have the right to alter or amend the Plan or any part thereof from time to time; provided, that no change in any Option theretofore granted may be made which would impair the rights of the optionee without the consent of such optionee and provided, further, that the Board may not make any alteration or amendment which would materially increase the benefits accruing to participants under the Plan, increase the aggregate number of shares which may be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Plan, change the class of individuals eligible to receive Options under the Plan or extend the term of the Plan, without the approval of the stockholders of the Company.

IX. Securities Laws

A. The Company shall not be obligated to issue any Stock pursuant to any Options granted under the Plan at any time when the offering of the shares covered by such Option have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and such other state and federal laws, rules or regulations as the Company deems applicable and, in the opinion of legal counsel for the Company, there is no exemption from the registration requirements of such laws, rules or regulations available for the offering and sale of such shares.

B. It is intended that the Plan and any grant of an Option made to a person subject to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, as amended (the "1934 Act"), meet all of the requirements of Rule 16b-3, as currently in effect or as hereinafter modified or amended ("Rule 16b3"), promulgated under the 1934 Act. If any provision of the Plan or any such Option would disqualify the Plan or such Option under, or would otherwise not comply with, Rule 16b-3, such provision or Option shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to Rule 16b-3. AGREEMENT made as of the day of , 19 , between MATRIX SERVICE COMPANY, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and ("Director").

To carry out the purposes of the MATRIX SERVICE COMPANY 1995 NONEMPLOYEE DIRECTORS' STOCK OPTION PLAN (the "Plan"), by affording Director the opportunity to purchase shares of common stock of the Company ("Stock"), and in consideration of the mutual agreements and other matters set forth herein and in the Plan, the Company and Director hereby agree as follows:

1. Grant of Option. The Company hereby irrevocably grants the Director the right and option ("Option") to purchase all or any part of an aggregate of shares of Stock, on the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Plan, which Plan is incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Agreement. This Option shall not be treated as an incentive stock option within the meaning of section 422(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

2. Purchase Price. The purchase price of Stock purchased pursuant to the exercise of this Option shall be \$ per share, which has been determined to be not less than the fair market value of the Stock at the date of grant of this Option. For all purposes of this Agreement, fair market value of Stock shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

3. Exercise of Option. Subject to the earlier expiration of this Option as herein provided, this Option may be exercised, by written notice to the Company at its principal executive offices addressed to the attention of Chief Executive Officer, at any time and from time to time after the date of grant hereof, but, except as otherwise provided below, this Option shall not be exercisable for more than a percentage of the aggregate number of shares offered by this Option determined by the number of full calendar months from the first day of the calendar month coincident with or next following the date of grant hereof to the date of such exercise, in accordance with the following schedule:

Number of full calendar months	Percentage of Shares that may be purchased
Less than 12 months	0.00%
12 months but less than 24 months	50.00%
24 months or more	100.00%

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if (i) the Company shall not be the surviving entity in any merger, consolidation or other reorganization (or survives only as a subsidiary of an entity other than a previously wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (ii) the Company sells, leases or exchanges or agrees to sell, lease or exchange all or substantially all of its assets to any other person or entity (other than a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company), (iii) the Company is to be dissolved and liquidated, (iv) any person or entity, including a "group" as contemplated by Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, acquires or gains ownership or control (including, without limitation, power to vote) of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Company's voting stock (based upon voting power), or (v) as a result of or in connection with a contested election of directors, the persons who were directors of the Company before such election shall cease to constitute a majority of the Board of Directors of the Company (each such event is referred to herein as a "Corporate Change"), then effective as of the earlier (1) the date of approval by the stockholders of the Company of such merger, consolidation, reorganization, sale, lease or exchange of assets or dissolution or such election of directors or (2) the date of such Corporate Change, this Option shall be exercisable in full.

This Option and all rights granted hereunder are not transferrable by Director other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution or pursuant to a qualified domestic relations order as defined by the Code or Title 1 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, or the rules thereunder, and may be exercised during Director's lifetime only by Director or Director's guardian or legal representative. This Option may be exercised only while Director remains a member of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") and will terminate and cease to be exercisable upon Director's termination of membership on the Board, except that:

(a) If Director's membership on the Board terminates by reason of disability, this Option may be exercised in full by Director (or Director's estate or the person who acquires this Option by will or the laws of descent and distribution or otherwise by reason of the death of Director) at any time during the period of 90 days following such termination.

- (b) If Director dies while a member of the Board, Director's estate, or the person who acquires this Option by will or the laws of descent and distribution or otherwise by reason of the death of Director, may exercise this Option in full at any time during the period of 90 days following the date of Director's death.
- (c) If Director's membership on the Board terminates for any reason other than as described in (a) or (b) above, this Option may be exercised by Director at any time during the period of 30 days following such termination, or by Director's estate (or the person who acquires this Option by will or the laws of descent and distribution or otherwise by reason of the death of Director) during such period if Director dies during such 30 day period, but in each case only as to the number of shares Director was entitled to purchase hereunder upon exercise of this Option as of the date Director's membership on the Board so terminates.

This Option shall not be exercisable in any event after the expiration of ten years from the date of grant hereof. The purchase price of shares as to which this Option is exercised shall be paid in full at the time of exercise (A) in cash (including check, bank draft or money order payable to the order of the Company), (B) by delivering to the Company shares of Stock having a fair market value equal to the purchase price, or (C) any combination of cash or Stock. No fraction of a share of Stock shall be issued by the Company upon exercise of an Option or accepted by the Company in payment of the purchase price thereof, rather, Director shall provide a cash payment for such amount as is necessary to effect the issuance and acceptance of only whole shares of Stock. Unless and until a certificate or certificates representing such shares shall have been issued by the Company to Director, Director (or the person permitted to exercise this Option in the event of Director's death) shall not be or have any of the rights or privileges of a stockholder of the Company with respect to shares acquirable upon an exercise of this Option.

4. Withholding of Tax. To the extent that the exercise of this Option or the disposition of shares of Stock acquired by exercise of this Option results in compensation income to Director for federal or state income tax purposes, Director shall deliver to the Company at the time of such exercise or disposition such amount of money or shares of Stock as the Company may require to meet its obligation under applicable tax laws or regulations, and if Director fails to do so, the Company is authorized to withhold from any cash or Stock renumeration then or thereafter payable to Director any tax required to be withheld by reason of such resulting compensation income. Upon an exercise of this Option, the Company is further authorized in its discretion to satisfy any such withholding requirement out of any cash or shares of Stock distributable to Director upon such exercise.

Status of Stock. The Company intends to register for issuance under 5. the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), the shares of Stock acquirable upon exercise of this Option, and to keep such registration effective throughout the period this Option is exercisable. In the absence of such effective registration or an available exemption from registration under the Act, issuance of shares of Stock acquirable upon exercise of this Option will be delayed until registration of such shares is effective or an exemption from registration under the Act is available. The Company intends to use its best efforts to ensure that no such delay will occur. In the event exemption from registration under the Act is available upon exercise of this Option, Director (or the person permitted to exercise this Option in the event of Director's death or incapability), if requested by the Company to do so, will execute and deliver to the Company in writing an agreement containing such provisions as the Company may require to assure compliance with applicable securities laws.

Director agrees that the shares of Stock which Director may acquire by exercising this Option will not be sold or otherwise disposed of in any manner which would constitute a violation of any applicable federal or state securities laws. Director also agrees (i) that the certificates representing the shares of Stock purchased under this Option may bear such legend or legends as the Company deems appropriate in order to assure compliance with applicable securities laws, (ii) that the Company may refuse to register the transfer of the shares of Stock purchased under this Option on the stock transfer records of the Company if such proposed transfer would in the opinion of counsel satisfactory to the Company constitute a violation of any applicable securities laws and (iii) that the Company may give related instructions to its transfer agent, if any, to stop registration of the transfer of the shares of Stock purchased under this Option.

6. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding and inure to the benefit of any successors to the Company and all persons lawfully claiming under Director.

7. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this Agreement to be duly executed by its officer thereunto duly authorized, and Director has executed this Agreement, all as of the day and year first above written.

MATRIX SERVICE COMPANY

By:

DIRECTOR

ANDREWS & KURTH L.L.P. Attorneys Texas Commerce Tower 600 Travis, Suite 4200 Houston, Texas 77002

April 19, 1996

Board of Directors Matrix Service Company 10701 East Ute Street Tulsa, Oklahoma 74116

Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to Matrix Service Company, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8, dated April 10, 1996 (the "Registration Statement"), relating to the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of the issuance of 250,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of the Company (the "Shares") upon the exercise of options pursuant to the Matrix Service Company 1995 Nonemployee Directors' Stock Option Plan (the "Plan").

As the basis for the opinions hereinafter expressed, we have examined such statutes, regulations, corporate records and documents and such other instruments as we have deemed necessary for the purposes of the opinions contained herein. As to all matters of fact to such opinions, we have relied upon the representations of officers of the Company. We have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, and the conformity with the original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies.

Based upon the foregoing and having due regard for such legal considerations as we deem relevant, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized, and that the Shares, when issued in accordance with the terms of the Plan, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We hereby consent to the inclusion of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

ANDREWS & KURTH L.L.P

CONSENT

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the 1995 Nonemployee Directors' Stock Option Plan of Matrix Service Company of our report dated August 18, 1995, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Matrix Service Company included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended May 31, 1995, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Tulsa, Oklahoma April 23, 1996 KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each of the undersigned officers and directors of Matrix Service Company (the Company) hereby constitutes and appoints Doyl D. West and C. William Lee, and each of them (with full power to each of them to act alone), his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution, for him and on his behalf and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign, execute and file this Registration Statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any or all amendments (including, without limitation, post-effective amendments), with all exhibits and any and all documents required to be filed with respect thereto, with the Securities and Exchange Commission or any regulatory authority, granting unto such attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in order to effectuate the same, as fully to all intents and purposes as he himself might or could do if personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/S/ DOYL D. WEST Doyl D. West	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal executive officer)	April 10, 1996
/S/ C. WILLIAM LEE C. William Lee	Vice President - Finance and Director (Principal financial and accounting officer)	April 10, 1996
/S/ HUGH E. BRADLEY Hugh E. Bradley	Director	April 10, 1996
/S/ ROBERT L. CURRY Robert L. Curry	Director	April 10, 1996
/S/ WILLIAM P. WOOD William P. Wood	Director	April 10, 1996
/S/ JOHN F. ZINK John F. Zink	Director	April 10, 1996