
FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report: August 2, 2004
(Date of earliest event reported)

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	0-16214 (Commission file number)	14-0462060 (IRS employer identification no.)
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1373 Broadway, Albany, New York 12204
(518) 445-2200
(Address and telephone number of the registrant's principal executive offices)

Item 12. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure

On August 2, 2004, Albany International issued a news release announcing a purchase of shares. A copy of the news release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

The information in this report shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP.

By: /s/ Michael C. Nahl

Name: Michael C. Nahl
Title: Senior Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 2, 2004

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Exhibit Number	Description of Document
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99.1	News release, dated August 2, 2004 issued by Albany International Corp.

Albany International Announces Stock Purchase

ALBANY, N.Y., Aug. 2 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Albany International Corp. (NYSE/PSE/FWB: AIN) announced today that it had purchased 1,489,943 shares of its Class A Common Stock in a private transaction. The purchase was made at \$28.87 per share, \$1.05 per share less than the last reported trade on the New York Stock Exchange prior to the time of the transaction. The Company stated that the authorization given by the Board of Directors for this purchase is separate from the three-million-share authorization given in 1998, and that management retains authority to purchase 553,100 shares under that authorization.

The shares acquired in the private transaction were purchased from trusts related to the Purdy family. Bruce B. Purdy, a trustee of the selling trusts, is the father of Barbara P. Wright, a director of the Company. A spokesman for the Purdy family said that the sale resulted from family considerations and did not reflect any lack of confidence in the future of the Company or in its management.

Albany International is the world's largest producer of paper machine clothing and high-performance doors with manufacturing plants strategically located to serve its customers throughout the world. Additional information about the Company and its businesses and products is available at <http://www.albint.com>.

SOURCE Albany International Corp.

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(AIN)

CO: Albany International Corp.

ST: New York

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