UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

December 15, 2016

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-10026	14-0462060
(State or other jurisdiction	(Commission	(I.R.S. Employer
of incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)
216 Airport Drive, Rochester, NH		03867
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (518) 445-2200

None

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Dre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-4(c))

Item 5.02 – Election of Director

On December 15, 2016, the Board of Directors of Albany International Corp. ("Albany") voted to elect Kenneth W. Krueger as a member of the Board. The Board also elected Mr. Krueger to the Board Audit Committee. A copy of Albany's news release announcing Mr. Krueger's election is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Upon his election, Mr. Krueger entered into an indemnification agreement with Albany, the form of which has been previously filed as Exhibit 10(t) to a Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 11, 2006.

Item 9.01 – Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

99.1 News Release dated December 15, 2016.

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/ John B. Cozzolino

Name: John B. Cozzolino Title: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)

Date: December 15, 2016

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.Description99.1News Release, dated December 15, 2016, issued by Albany International Corp.

Exhibit 99.1 **NEWS RELEASE**



KENNETH W. KRUEGER ELECTED TO ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP. BOARD

Rochester, New Hampshire, December 15, 2016 – Albany International Corp. (NYSE:AIN) announced today that Kenneth W. Krueger has been elected to its Board of Directors.

Mr. Krueger, age 60, currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of Manitowoc Company, Inc. He has been a member of the Manitowoc Board of Directors since 2004. From October 2015 until March 2016, he also served as Manitowoc's interim President and CEO. Mr. Krueger served as Chief Operating Officer of Bucyrus International, Inc., a global manufacturer of mining equipment, from 2006 to 2009, having previously served as Executive Vice President from 2005 to 2006. Mr. Krueger also served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of A.O. Smith Corp., a global manufacturer of water heating and treatment systems, from 2000 to 2005, and as Vice President, Finance and Planning for the Hydraulics, Semiconductor and Specialty Controls business segment of Eaton Corporation in 1999 and 2000.

Mr. Krueger has served as a director of Douglas Dynamics, Inc. since 2012, and is currently chair of the audit committee. He also serves on the company's compensation and nominating and governance committees.

Albany International Chairman Erland E. Kailbourne said, "Ken has extensive experience in senior operations positions at publicly traded companies, including those with significant global manufacturing operations. This, combined with his deep background in finance and

Albany International Corp. 216 Airport Dr. Rochester, NH 03867 USA www.albint.com accounting, and his years of experience on public company boards, including in a number of critical leadership roles, bring additional depth and experience to the Board in these areas. I also expect that he will make a significant contribution to the Board's oversight of the Company's accounting and finance functions, as well as its internal controls over financial reporting. He is an ideal addition to our Board, and I take great pleasure in welcoming him as a new Director."

About Albany International Corp.

Albany International Corp. is a global advanced textiles and materials processing company, with two core businesses. Machine Clothing is the world's leading producer of custom-designed fabrics and belts essential to production in the paper, nonwovens, and other process industries. Albany Engineered Composites is a rapidly growing supplier of highly engineered composite parts for the aerospace industry. Albany International is headquartered in Rochester, New Hampshire, operates 22 plants in 10 countries, employs 4,400 people worldwide, and is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (Symbol AIN). Additional information about the Company and its products and services can be found at <u>www.albint.com</u>.

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