

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) February 18, 2005

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-16214

14-0462060

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1373 Broadway, Albany, New York

12204

(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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240.14a-12)
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Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the
Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-4(c))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors;
Appointment of Principal Officers

- (a) At a regular meeting on February 18, 2005, the following persons were
designated as the nominees of the Board of Directors for election as
directors of the Registrant at the 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders:

Frank R. Schmeler
Thomas R. Beecher, Jr.
Francis L. McKone
Joseph G. Morone
Christine L. Standish
Erland E. Kailbourne
John C. Standish
Juhani Pakkala
Paula H. J. Cholmondeley

All of such persons are currently serving as members of the Board of
Directors. Two incumbent directors, Hugh J. Murphy and Barbara P. Wright,
declined to stand for re-election.

- (b) At a regular meeting on February 18, 2005, Paula H. J. Cholmondeley was
elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Registrant. Ms.
Cholmondeley was also appointed as a member of the Audit Committee and
designated as a "financial expert" under the rules of the Securities and
Exchange Commission. A copy of the Company's press release announcing Ms.
Cholmondeley's election is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

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
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: February 24, 2005

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description
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99.1 News release dated February 18, 2005.

PAULA H. J. CHOLMONDELEY ELECTED TO
ALBANY INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Albany, New York, February 18, 2005 - Albany International Corp. (NYSE/PSE/FWB:AIN) announced today that Paula H. J. Cholmondeley had been elected to its Board of Directors, increasing the number of directors to eleven. Ms. Cholmondeley, a certified public accountant, was also appointed a member of the Company's Audit Committee and designated as a "financial expert" under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Ms. Cholmondeley, 57, most recently served as a Vice President and General Manager of Sappi Fine Papers, North America, responsible for the Specialty Products Division. Previously, she served in executive and financial positions in a number of major corporations, including Owens Corning, the Faxon Company, Blue Cross of Greater Philadelphia, and Westinghouse Elevator Company. She also served as a White House Fellow assisting the U.S. Trade Representative during the Reagan Administration.

Ms. Cholmondeley is an alumna of Howard University and received a Masters degree in accounting from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Finance. She is also a full-time director and serves on the Board of Directors of four other publicly traded companies: Terex Corporation, Ultralife Batteries, Inc., Minerals Technologies Inc., and Dentsply International. She is also an independent trustee of Gartmore Capital, a mutual fund.

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 www.albint.com.