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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BEECHER THOMAS R JR</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP.</u> <u>P.O. BOX 1907</u> (Street) <u>ALBANY NY 12201-1907</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP /DE/</u> [AIN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/06/2004</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	05/06/2004		A ⁽¹⁾	V	657	A	\$30.44	10,977	D	
Class A Common Stock								1,711	I	Held by the Messer Foundation. ⁽²⁾
Class A Common Stock								104	I	Held by spouse. ⁽³⁾

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

- Distributed pursuant to issuer's Directors' Annual Retainer Plan.
- Shares held by the Messer Foundation, an entity over which the assets of which reporting person shares voting and dispositive power.
- Shares held by Judy C. Beecher, wife of reporting person. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership.

Remarks:

Kathleen M. Tyrrell, Attorney-in-Fact 05/07/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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The undersigned, as an officer and/or director of Albany International Corp., a Delaware corporation ("the Company"), hereby authorizes THOMAS H. HAGOORT, CHARLES J. SILVA, JR. AND KATHLEEN M. TYRRELL, and each of them with full power to act without the others, to sign and file, or cause to be filed, on behalf of the undersigned, any forms and other documents, including without limitation Forms 3 and 4 or any other forms hereafter substitute therefor, required or permitted to be filed by the undersigned pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or rules or regulations promulgated thereunder.

The authorization of a person named above shall automatically terminate at such time as such person ceases to be an employee of the Company. The undersigned may terminate the authorization of any such person at any time by delivering written notice of termination to the Company.

Date: November 18, 1997

/s/ Thomas R. Beecher, Jr.