### 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 24, 2012

# ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-10026	14-0462060
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer 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

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

### Item 5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

### Restricted Stock Units Granted under 2003 Restricted Stock Unit Plan

On February 17, 2012, the Compensation Committee of the Registrant's Board of Directors approved the grant of Restricted Stock Units under the Registrant's 2003 Amended and Restated Restricted Stock Unit Plan to certain of the Registrant's executives, including certain of the Registrant's named executive officers (as defined by S-K Item 402(a)(3)). A copy of the Form of Restricted Unit Award Agreement used for such awards is being filed with this report as **Exhibit 10(m) (xix)**, and is incorporated by reference herein.

Awards to each recipient consist of a grant of a specified number of restricted stock units (RSUs). Upon vesting, each RSU is paid in full in cash, in an amount equal to the average closing price of one share of the Company's Class A Common Stock during a specified period preceding the vesting/payment date. No shares of Class A Common Stock are issued or issuable under the RSU Plan. There is no exercise price. In lieu of cash dividends, a holder of RSUs is credited with additional RSUs equal to the number of shares of Class A Common Stock having the same value on the dividend payment date as the aggregate dividends that would be payable on shares of Class A Common Stock equal in number to the RSUs held by such holder. These RSU awards vest (and are immediately paid in cash) as to 50% of the awarded units on each of the vesting dates, but only if the holder is then employed by the Company or a subsidiary, or upon termination following a change of control as defined in the award agreement. In the event of termination of employment, all unvested RSUs terminate without payment, except that, in the case of death, disability, or involuntary termination, one-half of all unvested RSUs automatically vest and are paid at termination.

The number of restricted stock units awarded to the executive officers and the vesting dates were as follows: Daniel A. Halftermeyer, 39,778 shares vesting 50% on March 1, 2015 and 50% on August 1, 2015; Ralph M. Polumbo, 39,778 shares vesting 50% on March 1, 2016 and 50% on August 1, 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

Date: February 24, 2012

# Index to Exhibits

Exhibit No.Description10(m)(xix)Form of Restricted Unit Award Agreement

#### Exhibit 10(m) (xix)

#### pursuant to the

### ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP.

### 2003 RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT PLAN

\* \* \* \* \*

Participant:

Award Date: February 17, 2012

Number of Restricted Units Awarded: 39,778

\* \* \* \* \*

THIS AWARD AGREEMENT, dated as of the Award Date specified above, is entered into by and between Albany International Corp. (the "<u>Company</u>"), and the Participant specified above, pursuant to the Amended and Restated Albany International Corp. 2003 Restricted Stock Unit Plan, as in effect and as amended from time to time (the "<u>Plan</u>"); and

WHEREAS, as an incentive to encourage the Participant to remain in the employ of the Company and its subsidiaries by affording the Participant a greater interest in the success of the Company and its subsidiaries, the Company desires to grant the Participant the Restricted Units provided herein;

WHEREAS, the Participant desires to obtain such Restricted Units on the terms and conditions provided for herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the mutual covenants herein set forth and other good and valuable considerations receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Company and the Participant agree as follows:

1. Incorporation By Reference; Plan Document Receipt. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Award Agreement is subject in all respects to the terms and provisions of the Plan (including, without limitation, any amendments thereto adopted at any time and from time to time and which are expressly intended to apply to the grant of the Restricted Units provided for herein), all of which terms and provisions are made a part of and incorporated in this Award Agreement as if they were expressly set forth herein. Any capitalized term not defined in this Award Agreement shall have the same meaning as is ascribed thereto in the Plan. The Participant hereby acknowledges receipt of a true copy of the Plan and that the Participant has read the Plan carefully and fully understands its content. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Award Agreement and the terms of the Plan, the terms of the Plan shall control.

2. <u>Award of Restricted Units; Credit to Restricted Unit Account</u>. Subject to the terms hereof and the Plan, the Company hereby grants to the Participant, as of the Award Date specified above, the number of Restricted Units specified above. The Company shall record such Restricted Units in the Participant's Restricted Unit Account.

3. <u>Vesting</u>. As permitted in Section 5.1 of the Plan, the following Vesting Dates shall apply with respect to the Restricted Units (including any additional Restricted Units credited as Cash Dividend Equivalents with respect to such Restricted Units) awarded hereunder and shall supersede any contrary provision in Section 5.1:

- a. Fifty percent (50%) of such Restricted Units (including any additional Restricted Units credited as Cash Dividend Equivalents with respect to such Restricted Units) shall vest on March 1, 201\_\_, subject to the Participant being employed with the Albany Group on such Vesting Date;
- b. Fifty percent (50%) of such Restricted Units (including any additional Restricted Units credited as Cash Dividend Equivalents with respect to such Restricted Units) shall vest on August 1, 201\_, subject to the Participant being employed with the Albany Group on such Vesting Date;

4. <u>Additional Special Vesting</u>. Except as modified in paragraph 5 below, the special vesting provisions set forth in Section 5.2 of the Plan shall apply to the Restricted Units (including any additional Restricted Units credited as Cash Dividend Equivalents with respect to such Restricted Units) awarded hereunder. In addition to the provisions of Section 5.2 of the Plan, and in addition to the provisions of Section 8 of the Plan, in the event Participant's employment with the Albany Group terminates due Involuntary Termination following a change in ownership of a substantial portion of the Company's assets as a result of one person, or more than one person acting as a group, acquiring (or

having acquired during the 12 month period ending on the date of the most recent acquisition) assets from the Company that have a total gross fair market value equal to or more than 40% of the total gross fair market value of all the assets of the Company immediately before such acquisition or acquisitions, the Vesting Date for 100% of all unvested Restricted Units credited to Participant's Restricted Unit Account pursuant to this Award Agreement shall be accelerated to such date of termination.

5. <u>Forfeiture of Restricted Units Upon Voluntary Retirement</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 5.2 of the Plan or this Award Agreement, in the event the Participant's employment with the Albany Group terminates due to Retirement any time prior to December 31, 201\_\_, any unvested Restricted Units granted to the Participant pursuant to this Award Agreement shall not vest and Participant shall forfeit, without any consideration therefor or action being required, 100% of all unvested Restricted Units (including any additional Restricted Units credited as Cash Dividend Equivalents with respect to such Restricted Units) credited to Participant's Restricted Unit Account pursuant to this Award Agreement.

6. <u>Settlement; Payment Delay</u>. The Restricted Units (including any additional Restricted Units credited as Cash Dividend Equivalents with respect to such Restricted Units) credited to Participant's Restricted Unit Account pursuant to this Award Agreement shall be settled in accordance with the provisions of the Plan, including without limitation Section 6.1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, if, pursuant to the provisions of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Code"), any payment is required to be delayed as a result of the Participant being deemed to be a "specified employee" within the meaning of that term under Section 409A(a)(2)(B) of the Code, then any such payments under the Plan shall not be made prior to the earlier of (A) the expiration of the six month period measured from the date of the "separation from service" (as such term is defined in Treasury Regulations issued under Section 409A of the Code) or (B) the date of the Participant's death. Upon the expiration of such period, all payments under the Plan delayed pursuant to this paragraph 6 shall be paid to the Participant in a lump sum, and any remaining payments due under the Plan shall be paid or provided in accordance with the normal payment dates specified for them herein.

7. <u>Amendment and Waiver</u>. Neither this Award Agreement nor any provision hereof may be amended, modified, changed, discharged, terminated or waived orally, by any course of dealing or purported course of dealing or by any other means except (a) in the case of an amendment, modification, change or waiver that does not impair the rights of the Participant with respect to outstanding Restricted Units or that is deemed by the Committee to be advisable to avoid the imposition of any tax under Section 409A of the Code, by written notice to the Participant or (b) an agreement in writing signed by the Company and the Participant. No such written notice of agreement shall extend to or affect any provision of this Award Agreement not expressly amended, modified, changed, discharged, terminated or waived or impair any right consequent on such a provision. The waiver of or failure to enforce any breach of this Award Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of or acquiescence in any other breach hereof.

8. <u>Notices</u>. Any notice required or permitted under this Award Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed properly given:

8.1 in the case of notice to the Company, if delivered in person to the Secretary of the Company, or mailed to the Company to the attention of the Secretary by registered mail (return receipt requested) at 216 Airport Drive, Rochester, New Hampshire, 03867, or at such other address as the Company may from time to time hereafter designate by written notice to the Participant; and

8.2 in the case of notice to the Participant, if delivered to him or her in person, or mailed to him or her by registered mail (return receipt requested) at the last known residence address provided by Participant to the Company or at such other address as the Participant may from time to time hereafter designate by written notice to the Company.

9. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Award Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

10. <u>Binding Agreement; Assignment</u>. This Award Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, be binding upon, and be enforceable by the Company and its successors and assigns. The Participant shall not assign any part of this Award Agreement without the prior express written consent of the Company.

11. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Award Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

12. <u>Headings</u>. The titles and headings of the various sections of this Award Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to be a part of this Award Agreement.

13. <u>Further Assurances</u>. Each party hereto shall do and perform (or shall cause to be done and performed) all such further acts and shall execute and deliver all such other agreements, certificates, instruments and documents as any other party hereto reasonably may request in order to carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of this Award Agreement and the Plan and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereunder.

14. <u>Severability</u>. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provisions of this Award Agreement in any jurisdiction shall not affect the validity, legality or enforceability of the remainder of this Award Agreement in such jurisdiction or the validity, legality or enforceability of any provision of this Award Agreement in any other jurisdiction, it being intended that all rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15. <u>Acceptance of Restricted Units</u>. Unless, within 45 days following the date of this Award Agreement, the Company has received written notice from the Participant rejecting the Restricted Units, this Award Agreement shall be deemed to have been accepted by the Participant and shall constitute a legal and binding agreement between the Participant and the Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has duly executed this Award Agreement as of the Award Date specified above.

### ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP.

Name:

Title: