

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 30, 2005

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-16214

14-0462060

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

1373 Broadway, Albany, New York

12204

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

None

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to  
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors;  
Appointment of Principal Officers.

(b) On May 13, 2005, the Company issued a press release entitled "Albany International Corp. Announces CEO Successor," a copy of which was filed as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 18, 2005. On January 3, 2006, the Company issued a press release entitled "Albany International Corp. Confirms CEO Succession" to confirm that the events described in the May 13 release had taken place. Joseph G. Morone, the Company's President since September 1, 2005, became President and Chief Executive Officer on January 1, 2006, following the retirement of Frank R. Schmeler as Chief Executive Officer on December 30, 2005. Mr. Schmeler remains Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release entitled "Albany International Corp. Confirms CEO Succession"

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

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Name: Michael C. Nahl  
Title: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: January 3, 2006

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP. CONFIRMS CEO SUCCESSION

Albany, New York, January 3, 2006 -- Albany International Corp. (NYSE/PSE/FWB:AIN) reported today that, pursuant to action by its Board of Directors announced in May 2005, Joseph G. Morone, President and a director of the Company, assumed the additional responsibility of Chief Executive Officer on January 1, 2006, succeeding Frank R. Schmeler. Mr. Schmeler continues to serve as Chairman.

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. Founded in 1895, the Company is headquartered in Albany, New York, and employs approximately 5,700 people worldwide. Additional information about the Company and its businesses and products is available at [www.albint.com](http://www.albint.com).