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> U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report: January 22, 2004 (Date of earliest event reported)

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction (Commission of incorporation) file number)

0-16214

14-0462060 (IRS employer identification no.)

1373 Broadway, Albany, New York 12204 (518) 445-2200

(Address and telephone number of the registrant's principal executive offices)

Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure

On January 22, 2004, Albany International issued a news release announcing plans to consolidate certain European manufacturing operations. A copy of the news release is furnished 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

Date: January 22, 2004

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99.1 News release, dated January 22, 2004, issued by Albany International Corp.