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February 24, 2005

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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Pursuant to Sec		of the Securitie	es Exchange Act of 1934			
Date of Report (Date	of earliest ever	nt reported)	February 17, 2005			
ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP.						
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)						
Delaware		0-16214	14-0462060			
(State or other juri	tate or other jurisdiction					
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.)						
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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On February 17, 2005, the Compensation Committee of the Registrant's Board of Directors approved the following cash bonuses for 2004 pursuant to the Registrant's Annual Bonus Program for the Registrant's chief executive officer and the four other most highly compensated executive officers during such year:

Officer 2004 Bonus

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Frank R. Schmeler	\$250,000
Michael C. Nahl	130,000
Michel J. Bacon	130,000
Edward Walther	127,100
William M. McCarthy	125,000

The Committee has also established target 2005 cash bonuses for Messrs. Schmeler, Nahl and McCarthy pursuant to the Registrant's Annual Bonus Program as follows:

Officer	2005 Target Bonus
Frank R. Schmeler	\$362 , 500
Michael C. Nahl	193,600
William M. McCarthy	193,600

The Committee determined that cash bonuses for 2005 would be based, as in 2004, on the Registrant's performance with respect to operating income, share of market and management of inventories and accounts receivable. A cash bonus equal to the target amount will generally be paid if the Committee determines that appropriate performance levels in each of these areas has been achieved. Lesser bonuses may be paid if such performance is not achieved and larger bonuses if performance exceeds such levels. The Committee further determined, however, that it would reserve the right to exercise its discretion, after the close of the 2005 fiscal year, as in prior years, to determine to what extent cash bonuses had been earned, and reserved the right to take individual performance factors (including, for example, the possible adverse impact during the year of cost-reduction, plant closings or downsizings and other restructuring-related activities in specific divisions, regions or business lines) into account, and to employ both objective and subjective criteria in determining the final bonuses.

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