

FIRST ALBANY COMPANIES INC

Form 3

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response... 0.5**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â PLIMPTON FRANK

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

09/21/2007

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRST ALBANY COMPANIES INC [FACT]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer ☐ Other
(give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

☒ Form filed by One Reporting
Person☐ Form filed by More than One
Reporting PersonMATLINPATTERSON
GLOBAL ADVISERS
LLC,Â 520 MADISON AVE

(Street)

NEW

YORK,Â NYÂ 10022-4213

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

37,909,383 (1) (2)

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See footnote (1) (2)Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PLIMPTON FRANK
MATLINPATTERSON GLOBAL ADVISERS LLC
520 MADISON AVE
NEW YORK, NY 10022-4213

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Signatures

/s/ Frank
Plimpton

10/01/2007

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) MatlinPatterson FA Acquisition LLC is the direct owner of 37,909,383 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners II L.P. and MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners (Cayman) II L.P. (together, the "Funds") hold 100 percent of the membership interests in MatlinPatterson FA Acquisition LLC. MatlinPatterson Global Partners II LLC (the "General Partner") is the general partner of the Funds. MatlinPatterson Global Advisers LLC (the "Adviser") is the investment adviser to the Funds. MatlinPatterson Asset Management LLC holds 100 percent of the voting interest and equity of the Adviser and of the General Partner. MatlinPatterson LLC holds 100 percent of the equity of MatlinPatterson Asset Management LLC. The Reporting Person is a director of MatlinPatterson FA Acquisition LLC and an employee of the Adviser.

(2) Although the Reporting Person does not have voting or investment control over the shares held by MatlinPatterson FA Acquisition LLC, the Reporting Person may be deemed to have an indirect pecuniary interest in such shares through his indirect interest in a limited partner which holds an investment interest and carried interest in the Funds. His exact pecuniary interest therein is not readily determinable because it is subject to several variables, including without limitation, the internal rates of return of the Funds overall and with respect to their indirect investment in the Issuer. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein..

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