ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP /DE/ Form 8-K February 24, 2012

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)

ALBANY INTERNATIONAL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) 14-0462060 (State or other (Commission (I.R.S. Employer jurisdic Fröte Number) Identification No.) of incorporation) 216 Airport Drive, Rochester, NH 03867 (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

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

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Item 2.05 Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities

On February 23, 2012, Albany International Corp. ("the Company") issued a news release related to a proposal to consolidate manufacturing operations in France.

The proposal is subject to local legal requirements and consultation with the local employee works council. Until consultations are concluded, the Company is unable reasonably to estimate the costs that it would expect to incur in connection with the proposed action. The Company will disclose the amount, type and timing of any such costs promptly after they are determined.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are being furnished herewith:

99.1 News release dated February 23, 2012.

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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.

<u>By: /s/ John B. Cozzolino</u> Name: John B. Cozzolino Title: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: February 24, 2012

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Exhibit No. Description

99.1 News release dated February 23, 2012