FIRST ALBANY COMPANIES INC
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# FORM 3

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Â PLIMPTON FRANK
(Last) (First) (Middle)

MATLINPATTERSON GLOBAL ADVISERS LLC,Â 520 MADISON AVE
(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10022-4213
(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Issuer
(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer _____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1.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) | I | See footnote (1) (2) |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (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 Derivative | 5. 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<br>MATLINPATTERSON GLOBAL ADVISERS LLC<br>520 MADISON AVE<br>NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10022-4213 | Â X | Â | Â | Â |

# Signatures

| /s/ Frank Plimpton | 10/01/2007 |
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| **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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