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**SCHEDULE 14A**

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AMERON INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

BARINGTON COMPANIES EQUITY PARTNERS, L.P., BARINGTON COMPANIES ADVISORS, LLC,  
BARINGTON CAPITAL GROUP, L.P., LNA CAPITAL CORP. AND JAMES A. MITAROTONDA

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The Barington Group is filing materials contained in this Schedule 14A with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) in connection with the solicitation of proxies for the election of its director nominee at the 2011 annual meeting of stockholders (the Annual Meeting ) of Ameron International Corporation ( Ameron ). The Barington Group has made a definitive filing with the SEC of a proxy statement and accompanying WHITE proxy card to be used to solicit votes for the election of its director nominee at the Annual Meeting.

Item 1. On March 11, 2011, the Barington Group issued the following press release. The letter referred to in the press release was previously filed with the SEC on March 11, 2011 and is also available at [www.ourmaterials.com/ameron](http://www.ourmaterials.com/ameron).

**NEWS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

March 11, 2011

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**BARINGTON GROUP SENDS LETTER  
TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF AMERON INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION  
BELIEVES THE COMPANY IS UNDERPERFORMING ITS VALUE POTENTIAL  
SETS THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON THE COMPANY S DISTRACTING PERSONAL ATTACKS ON ITS  
NOMINEE**

**New York, NY, March 11, 2011** The Barington Group sent a letter today to the stockholders of Ameron International Corporation (NYSE: AMN). The letter was sent in response to Ameron s recent aggressive attacks on the qualifications and reputation of the Barington Group s nominee to the Company s Board, James A. Mitarotonda. Barington addresses a number of the false allegations made in Ameron s recent letter and urges stockholders to vote the WHITE proxy card as it believes that Ameron has been underperforming its value potential.

James A. Mitarotonda, the Barington Group's highly qualified director nominee, is committed to improving shareholder value and protecting the interests of all stockholders of Ameron. If elected, Mr. Mitarotonda intends to work constructively with the other members of Ameron's seven-member Board to seek to improve the Company's operations, profitability and corporate governance.

Mr. Mitarotonda, 56, is the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Barington Capital Group, L.P. Barington and its principals have substantial experience helping improve shareholder value and corporate governance as long-term investors in undervalued publicly-traded companies. Mr. Mitarotonda is an experienced director who has represented stockholder interests on the boards of ten publicly-traded companies.

**The full text of the Barington Group's letter can be found at the Barington Group's web site located at [www.ourmaterials.com/ameron](http://www.ourmaterials.com/ameron).**

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The Barington Group has filed a definitive proxy statement and an accompanying WHITE proxy card with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on February 25, 2011 to be used to solicit votes for the election of its nominee at the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Ameron International Corporation, a Delaware corporation.

THE BARINGTON GROUP STRONGLY ADVISES ALL STOCKHOLDERS OF AMERON TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT WHICH CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION, INCLUDING INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROXY SOLICITATION AND THEIR DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTERESTS. SUCH PROXY STATEMENT, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, ARE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE ON THE SEC'S WEB SITE AT [HTTP://WWW.SEC.GOV](http://www.sec.gov). STOCKHOLDERS MAY ALSO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE PROXY STATEMENT AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, WITHOUT CHARGE, AT [HTTP://WWW.OURMATERIALS.COM/AMERON](http://www.ourmaterials.com/AMERON) OR BY CONTACTING BARINGTON'S PROXY SOLICITOR, MACKENZIE PARTNERS, INC., AT ITS TOLL-FREE NUMBER: (800) 322-2885 OR AT [PROXY@MACKENZIEPARTNERS.COM](mailto:PROXY@MACKENZIEPARTNERS.COM).

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