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HARDINGE INC  
Form 8-K  
September 18, 2002

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): SEPTEMBER 16, 2002

Commission file number:  
000-15760

HARDINGE INC.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK  
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(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

16-0470200  
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(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

ONE HARDINGE DRIVE ELMIRA, NY 14902  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(607) 734-2281  
(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On September 16, 2002, Hardinge Inc. issued a press release announcing the formation of an alliance with Bridgeport International. A copy of the press

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release is included as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Exhibits

99 Press Release issued by registrant on September 16, 2002.

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SIGNATURES

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, thereunto duly authorized.

HARDINGE INC.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2002

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Date

By: /s/ RICHARD L. SIMONS

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Richard L. Simons  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)