

ALBEMARLE CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 06, 2010

**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): December 6, 2010

**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Virginia  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

001-12658  
(Commission  
File Number)

54-1692118  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

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451 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code: (225) 388-8011

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On December 6, 2010, Albemarle Corporation (the Company ) announced that the Company has entered into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with Petrobras Química S.A. (the Company's current joint venture partner in Fábrica Carioca de Catalisadores S.A.) relating to the Company's proposed plan to build a new facility for the production of hydroprocessing catalysts.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release date December 6, 2010

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION**

Date: December 6, 2010

By: /s/ Nicole Daniel  
Assistant General Counsel

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release dated December 6, 2010.