

ALBEMARLE CORP  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GOTTWALD WILLIAM M

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
330 SOUTH FOURTH STREET  
(Street)

RICHMOND, VA 23219

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALBEMARLE CORP [ALB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/27/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman of the Board

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code |            | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |       | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|------------|---|-------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | (Instr. 8)          | (Instr. 8) | (A) or (D)  | Price |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2006                           |  | G                   | V          | 5,000   | D     | \$ 0  | 1,039,805  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2006                           |  | G                   | V          | 3,000   | D     | \$ 0  | 1,036,805  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2006                           |  | G                   | V          | 1,000   | D     | \$ 0  | 1,035,805  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2006                           |  | G                   | V          | 1,000   | D     | \$ 0  | 1,034,805  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2006                           |  | M                   |            | 20,000  | A     | \$ 15.9375  | 1,054,805  | D   |

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| Common Stock | 07/27/2006 | S | 20,000 | D | \$ 50.5288 | 1,034,805 | D |   |
|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|------------|-----------|---|---|
| Common Stock |            |   |        |   |            | 37,170    | I | Shares held in trust fbo William M. Gottwald, Jr., u/a dtd 10/13/83. <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock |            |   |        |   |            | 27,065    | I | Shares held in trust fbo William M. Gottwald, Jr. u/a dtd 1/3/89. <sup>(2)</sup>    |
| Common Stock |            |   |        |   |            | 70,481    | I | Shares held by William M. Gottwald, Jr.   |
| Common Stock |            |   |        |   |            | 16,660    | I | Shares held in trust fbo Elizabeth I. Gottwald u/a dtd 3/28/85. <sup>(5)</sup>      |
| Common Stock |            |   |        |   |            | 27,065    | I | Shares held in trust fbo Elizabeth I. Gottwald u/a dtd 1/3/89. <sup>(2)</sup>       |
| Common Stock |            |   |        |   |            | 96,119    | I | Shares held by Elizabeth I. Gottwald.   |
| Common Stock |            |   |        |   |            | 27,845    | I | Shares held in trust fbo reporting person's children u/a dtd 8/16/90.               |
| Common Stock |            |   |        |   |            | 86,170    | I | Shares held as  |

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|-----------------|--------|---|--|--|
|                 |        |   |  | co-Trustee<br>fbo<br>reporting<br>person's<br>family u/a<br>dtd<br>12/16/91.<br><u>(6)</u> |
| Common<br>Stock | 5,374  | I |  | Shares held<br>as Trustee<br>fbo Samuel<br>S.<br>Gottwald<br>u/a dtd<br>12/21/87.          |
| Common<br>Stock | 23,148 | I |  | Shares held<br>as Trustee<br>fbo Samuel<br>S.<br>Gottwald<br>u/a dtd<br>1/3/89. <u>(3)</u> |
| Common<br>Stock | 3,226  | I |  | Shares held<br>as Trustee<br>fbo James<br>C.<br>Gottwald<br>u/a dtd<br>10/20/87.           |
| Common<br>Stock | 5,374  | I |  | Shares held<br>as Trustee<br>fbo James<br>C.<br>Gottwald<br>u/a dtd<br>12/21/87.           |
| Common<br>Stock | 23,148 | I |  | Shares held<br>as Trustee<br>fbo James<br>C.<br>Gottwald<br>u/a dtd<br>1/3/89. <u>(3)</u>  |
| Common<br>Stock | 9,147  | I |  | Shares held<br>as Trustee<br>fbo James<br>C.   |

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| Common Stock | 13,225  | I | Gottwald u/a dtd 1/3/89.<br>Shares held as Trustee fbo Charles H. Gottwald u/a dtd 9/5/89. |
| Common Stock | 23,060  | I | Shares held as Trustee fbo Charles H. Gottwald u/a dtd 9/5/89. <sup>(3)</sup>              |
| Common Stock | 4,424   | I | Shares held as Trustee fbo Charles H. Gottwald u/a dtd 10/18/89.                           |
| Common Stock | 25,691  | I | Shares held as Trustee fbo Margaret A. Gottwald u/a dtd 3/9/92. <sup>(3)</sup>             |
| Common Stock | 8,947   | I | Shares held as Trustee fbo Sarah W. Gottwald u/a dtd 1/3/89.                               |
| Common Stock | 844,725 | I | Shares held of record by Westham Partners, L.P., reporting person                          |

|                 |         |   |   |
|-----------------|---------|---|---|
| Common<br>Stock | 500,000 | I | general<br>partner &<br>limited<br>partner.<br><br>Shares held<br>as<br>co-Trustee<br>fbo<br>reporting<br>person's<br>family u/w<br>Floyd D.<br>Gottwald.<br><u>(4)</u> |
|-----------------|---------|---|---|

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

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| Nonqualified<br>Option (Right<br>to Buy)            | \$ 15.9375  | 07/27/2006                              |   | M                                       | 20,000   | <u>(7)</u><br>02/21/2007                                       | Common<br>Stock  | 20,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| GOTTWALD WILLIAM M<br>330 SOUTH FOURTH STREET<br>RICHMOND, VA 23219 | X             |           | Chairman of the Board |       |

## Signatures

Nicole C. Daniel, attorney  
in fact

07/28/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes 27,877 shares held of record by Westham Partners, L.P.
- (2) 14,175 held of record by Westham Partners, L.P.
- (3) 12,731 shares held of record by Westham Partners, L.P.  
Additional Indirect Holdings: 3,933 shares held by Trustee under Albemarle Savings Plan; 15,446 shares held by spouse; 9,526 shares
- (4) held by Trustee fbo James M. Gottwald u/a dtd 12/1/81; 8,947 shares held by Trustee fbo James M. Gottwald u/a dtd 1/3/89; 5,486 shares held by Trustee fbo Sarah W. Gottwald u/a dtd 3/1/83.
- (5) 12,435 shares held of record by Westham Partners, L.P.
- (6) 64,717 shares held of record by Westham Partners, L.P.
- (7) Exercisable six years from date of grant or earlier in 25% annual increments in the event that the trading price of Albemarle Corporation Common Stock equals or exceeds certain price levels.

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