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(Last)	(First) (Middle)		of Earliest 7	-	1		(Check	all applicable)		
				2/03/2006				below)	_XOfficer (give titleOther (specify			
	(Street)		4. If An	Amendment, Date Original 6.				6. Individual or Joi	. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ble I - Non-	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if							or 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	02/03/2006			S	120,000	D	\$ 43.663		D			
Common Stock							(1)	24,019 <u>(3)</u>	Ι	Shares held by Westham Partners, L.P. of which reporting person is		
										a general		

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partner.

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	int of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GOTTWALD FLOYD D JR 330 SOUTH FOURTH STREET RICHMOND, VA 23219	Х	Х	Vice Chairman of the Board				

Signatures

Nicole C. Daniel, attorney in fact 02/03/2006 **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) Price calculated per the terms of the Agreement between the reporting person and Albemarle Corporation.
- (2) Includes 8,006 shares received as a distribution from Westham Partners, L.P.
- (3) Decrease in shares reflects distribution from Westham Partners, L.P.

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