

NICOLS JOHN J
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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 *
NICOLS JOHN J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
451 FLORIDA STREET
(Street)

BATON ROUGE, LA 70801

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/16/2006

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)
VP Fine Chemicals

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 (Instr. 8)	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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					60 ⁽²⁾	I	Custodian for Minor, Matthew T. Nicols
Common Stock					6,928 ⁽¹⁾	I	Albemarle Savings Plan
Common Stock	02/16/2006		M	7,500 A \$ 0 ⁽⁵⁾	10,647 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2006		F	2,344 D \$ 43.05	8,303 ⁽²⁾	D	

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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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Unit	(4)	02/16/2006		A	15,000	(3) (3)	Common Stock 15,000
Performance Unit	(4)	02/16/2006		M	7,500	(3) (3)	Common Stock 7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NICOLS JOHN J 451 FLORIDA STREET BATON ROUGE, LA 70801			VP Fine Chemicals	

Signatures

Nicole C. Daniel, attorney
in fact 02/20/2006

__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) Portion of share increase due to periodic purchases by Albemarle Corporation Savings Plan trustee.
- (2) Portion of share increase due to periodic purchases by Albemarle Corporation Dividend Reinvestment Plan trustee.
- (3) Performance Units issued pursuant to 2003 Incentive Plan. Units vest over two year period -- 50% payable in 2006 and 50% payable in 2007.
- (4) Performance Units convert 1 for 1.
- (5) Transaction has no purchase or sale price.

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