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(Print or Type R	lesponses)								
1. Name and A NICOLS JO	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALBEMARLE CORP [ALB]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M	iddle) 3. Date of	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Check			eck all applicab	ne)		
451 FLORII		(Month/Day/Year) 03/12/2010				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) VP Catalysts			
			ndment, Dat th/Day/Year)	-		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
BATON RO	UGE, LA 70801					Form filed by Person	More than One I	Reporting	
(City)	(State) (2	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Benefici	ally Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution D any (Month/Day.		CodeDisposed of (D)ear)(Instr. 8)(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			SecuritiesFBeneficially(I)OwnedIii	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A)or(D) Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock						17,468 <u>(2)</u>	Ι	Albemarle Savings Plan	
Common Stock						30,821 <u>(1)</u>	D		

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Phantom Stock	(3)					(4)	(5)	Common Stock	70
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 41.94	03/12/2010		А	15,000	(6)	03/12/2020	Common Stock	15,(
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(3)</u>	03/12/2010		А	15,000	(7)	(5)	Common Stock	15,(

Reporting Owners

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

 Nicole C. Daniel, attorney

 in fact
 03/16/2010

 **Signature of Reporting Person
 Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Portion of share increase due to periodic purchase by Albemarle Corporation Dividend Reimbursement Plan trustee.

(2) Portion of share increase due to periodic purchases by Albemarle Corporation Savings Plan trustee.

(3) Converts 1 to 1.

(4) Phantom Shares represent supplemental Savings Plan match.

(5) No expiration date.

(6) Option vests in three increments: 1/3 on March 12, 2011, 1/3 on March 12, 2012, and 1/3 on March 12, 2013.

(7) Restricted stock vests in three increments: 1/3 on March 12, 2013, 1/3 on March 12, 2014, and 1/3 on March 12, 2015.

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