GOTTWALD WILLIAM M

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GOTTWALD WILLIAM M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALBEMARLE CORP [ALB]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
330 SOUTH F	30 SOUTH FOURTH STREET		(Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2006	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
RICHMOND, VA 23219			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reportin Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non	-Derivative	Secur	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly 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 orDisposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/30/2006		M	100,000	A	\$ 17.375	925,722	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2006		S	59,600	D	\$ 43.4677	866,122	D	
Common Stock							37,170	I	Shares held in trust fbo William

Gottwald, Jr., u/a dtd 10/13/83.

			(1)
Common Stock	27,065	I	Shares held in trust fbo William M. Gottwald, Jr. u/a dtd 1/3/89. (2)
Common Stock	56,385	I	Shares held by William M. Gottwald, Jr. (1)
Common Stock	16,660	I	Shares held in trust fbo Elizabeth I. Gottwald u/a dtd 3/28/85. (1)
Common Stock	27,065	I	Shares held in trust fbo Elizabeth I. Gottwald u/a dtd 1/3/89. (2)
Common Stock	76,895	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 co-Trustee fbo reporting

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

Common Stock	13,225	I	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. (3)
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. (3)
Common Stock	8,947	I	Shares held as Trustee fbo Sarah W. Gottwald u/a dtd 1/3/89.
Common Stock	844,725	Ι	Shares held of record by Westham Partners, L.P., reporting person general partner & limited partner.

Common 500,000 I Stock

Shares held as co-Trustee fbo reporting person's family u/w Floyd D. Gottwald. (4)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title and A	Amoun
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onDerivative	ivative Expiration Date		Underlying Securit	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day	/Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or				
	Derivative				Disposed of (D)				
	Security				(Instr. 3, 4, and				
					5)				
						Date	Expiration	Title	Amo
				Code V	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Date		Share
Nonqualified								Common	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.375	01/30/2006		M	100,000	<u>(5)</u>	09/02/2006	Stock	100

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Nicole C. Daniel, attorney

in fact 02/01/2006 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

5 Reporting Owners

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) All shares of record held by Westham Partners, L.P.
- (2) 18,900 shares of record held by Westham Partners, L.P.
- (3) 16,975 shares of record held by Westham Partners, L.P.
 - Additional Indirect Holdings: 3,687 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) 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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