

GOTTWALD FLOYD D JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 FLOYD D JR

(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)  
 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)  
 Vice 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 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/16/2006		M		15,000	A	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	02/16/2006		F		4,830	D	\$ 43.05
Common Stock					24,019	I	Shares held by Westham Partners, L.P. of which reporting person is a

general 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)	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Unit	(2)	02/16/2006		A	30,000	(3) (3)	Common Stock	30,000
Performance Unit	(2)	02/16/2006		M	15,000	(3) (3)	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

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

## 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) Transaction has no purchase or sale price.
- (2) Performance Units convert 1 for 1.
- (3) Performance Units issued pursuant to 2003 Incentive Plan. Units vest over two year period -- 50% payable in 2006 and 50% payable in 2007.

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