

NICOLS JOHN J
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

VP Fine Chemicals

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
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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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 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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