#### GOTTWALD WILLIAM M

Form 4

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# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** GOTTWALD WILLIAM M			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ALBEMARLE CORP [ALB]				ng	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of	of Earliest T	Transaction			(Circ	ск ан аррисас	лсу	
330 SOUT	H FOURTH ST	REET	(Month/) 02/16/2	Day/Year) 2006				_X_ Director _X_ Officer (giv below)		0% Owner ther (specify pard	
	(Street)			endment, Donth/Day/Yea	ate Origina ar)	.1		6. Individual or J Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by	One Reporting	Person	
RICHMON	ND, VA 23219							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Benefici	ally Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	Execution any		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	02/16/2006			M	15,000	A	\$0(8)	1,089,635 (1)	D		
Common Stock	02/16/2006			F	4,830	D	\$ 43.05	1,084,805 (1)	D		
Common										Shares held in trust fbo William M.	

37,170

Ι

Gottwald,

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

(2)

Common Stock	27,065	I	Shares held in trust fbo William M. Gottwald, Jr. u/a dtd 1/3/89. (3)
Common Stock	70,481	I	Shares held by William M. Gottwald, Jr. (10)
Common Stock	16,660	I	Shares held in trust fbo Elizabeth I. Gottwald u/a dtd 3/28/85. (11)
Common Stock	27,065	I	Shares held in trust fbo Elizabeth I. Gottwald u/a dtd 1/3/89. (3)
Common Stock	96,119	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. (4)
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. (4)
Common Stock	9,147	Ι	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. (4)

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. (4)
Common Stock	8,947	I	Shares held as Trustee fbo Sarah W. Gottwald u/a dtd 1/3/89.
Common Stock	844,725 <u>(9)</u>	I	Shares held of record by Westham Partners, L.P., reporting person general partner & limited partner.
Common Stock	500,000	I	Shares held as co-Trustee fbo reporting person's family u/w Floyd D. Gottwald.
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# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

I	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 onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Numl of Sh
	Performance Unit	<u>(6)</u>	02/16/2006		A	30,000		<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	30,0
	Performance Unit	<u>(6)</u>	02/16/2006		M		15,000	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	15,0

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
<b>FS</b>	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 02/20/2006

\*\*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) Includes 208,513 shares received as a distribution from Westham Partners, L.P.
- (2) 27,877 shares held of record by Westham Partners, L.P. Decrease reflects distribution by Westham Partners, L.P.
- (3) 14,175 held of record by Westham Partners, L.P.\* Decrease reflects distribution by Westham Partners, L.P.
- (4) 12,731 shares held of record by Westham Partners, L.P.\* Decrease reflects distribution by Westham Partners, L.P.
- Additional Indirect Holdings: 3763 shares held by Trustee under Albemarle Savings Plan; 15,446 shares held by spouse; 9,526 shares held by Trustee fbo James M. Gottwald u/a dtd 1/2/1/81; 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.
- (6) Performance Units convert 1 for 1.
- (7) Performance Units issued pursuant to 2003 Incentive Plan. Units vest over two year period -- 50% payable in 2006 and 50% payable in 2007.
- (8) Transaction has no purchase or sale price.
- (9) Decrease in shares reflect distribution from Westham Partners, L.P.

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- (10) Increase in shares represents distribution by Westham Partners, L.P.
- (11) 12,435 shares held of record by Westham Partners, L.P. Decrease reflects distribution by Westham Partners, L.P.
- (12) 64,717 shares held of record by Westham Partners, L.P. Decrease reflects distribution by Westham Partners, L.P.

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