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(Print or Typ	e Responses)										
	l Address of Reporting	_	Symbol			id Ticker o		8	5. Relationship of I Issuer	Reporting Per	rson(s) to
(Last)	(First)	Middle)	ALBEMARLE CORP [ALB] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Check						k all applicable)		
(Month			(Month	Month/Day/Year) 7/27/2006					_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chairman of the Board		
	(Street)		4. If An Filed(M			Date Origin ar)	al		6. Individual or Joi Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O	ne Reporting P	erson
RICHMO	ND, VA 23219								Form filed by M Person	ore than One R	eporting
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Ta	ble I - N	Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	Code		4. Securit mor Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (		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				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price	(msu: 5 and 4)		
Common Stock	07/27/2006			G	V	5,000	D	\$0	1,039,805	D	
Common Stock	07/27/2006			G	V	3,000	D	\$0	1,036,805	D	
Common Stock	07/27/2006			G	V	1,000	D	\$0	1,035,805	D	
Common Stock	07/27/2006			G	V	1,000	D	\$0	1,034,805	D	
Common Stock	07/27/2006			М		20,000	А	\$ 15 9375	1,054,805	D	

Common Stock	07/27/2006	S	20,000	D	\$ 50.5288	1,034,805	D	
Common Stock						37,170	I	Shares held in trust fbo William M. 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						70,481	Ι	Shares held by William M. Gottwald, Jr.
Common Stock						16,660	I	Shares held in trust fbo Elizabeth I. Gottwald u/a dtd 3/28/85. (5)
Common Stock						27,065	I	Shares held in trust fbo Elizabeth I. Gottwald u/a dtd 1/3/89. (2)
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	Ι	Shares held as

			co-Trustee fbo reporting person's family u/a dtd 12/16/91. (6)
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. <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock	9,147	Ι	Shares held as Trustee fbo James C.

			Gottwald u/a dtd 1/3/89.
Common Stock	13,225	Ι	Shares held as Trustee fbo Charles H. Gottwald u/a dtd 9/5/89.
Common Stock	23,060	Ι	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	Ι	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

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	r	Table II - Derivative       (e.g., puts, c)	Securities Acquired calls, warrants, opti						
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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number o orDerivative Securities Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration I (Month/Day	Date	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securitie
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shar
Nonqualified Option (Righ to Buy)		07/27/2006		М	20,00	0 (7)	02/21/2007	Common Stock	20,00
Reporti	ng Owr	ners							
Reporting O	wner Name / A	Address	Rela	ntionships					

	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOTTWALD WILLIAM M				
330 SOUTH FOURTH STREET	Х		Chairman of the Board	

RICHMOND, VA 23219

# Signatures

Nicole C. Daniel, attorney in fact

07/28/2006

\*\*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 27,877 shares held of record by Westham Partners, L.P.
- (2) 14,175 held of record by Westham Partners, L.P.
- (3) 12,731 shares held of record by Westham Partners, L.P.

Additional Indirect Holdings: 3,933 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) 12,435 shares held of record by Westham Partners, L.P.
- (6) 64,717 shares held of record by Westham Partners, L.P.
- (7) 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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