

Hurley Raymond
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FORM 4

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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 *
Hurley Raymond

(Last) (First) (Middle)

STATIONSPLEIN 4, 3800 AE
AMERSFOORT

(Street)

P7

(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 President - Catalysts

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | | | | | 455 ⁽⁴⁾ | I | Albemarle Savings Plan |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2006 | | M | | 11,250 | A | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2006 | | F | | 2,976 | D | \$ 43.05 |
| | | | | | 8,274 | | |

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------|-----|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | |
| Performance Unit | (2) | 02/16/2006 | | A | | 22,500 | | (1) | (1) | Common Stock | 22,500 |
| Performance Unit | (2) | 02/16/2006 | | M | | 11,250 | | (1) | (1) | Common Stock | 11,250 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hurley Raymond STATIONSPLEIN 4 3800 AE AMERSFOORT P7 | | | Vice President - Catalysts | |

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) Performance Units issued pursuant to 2003 Incentive Plan. Units vest over two year period -- 50% payable in 2006 and 50% payable in 2007.
- (2) Performance Units convert 1 for 1.
- (3) Transaction has no purchase or sale price.
- (4) Portion of share increase due to periodic purchases by Albemarle Corporation Savings Plan trustee.

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