

ALBEMARLE CORP
Form 8-K
March 21, 2006

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) March 21, 2006 (March 20, 2006)

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

Virginia
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-12658
(Commission file number)

54-1692118
(IRS employer
identification no.)

330 South Fourth Street, Richmond, Virginia
(Address of principal executive offices)

23219
(Zip code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code (804) 788-6000

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Section 8 Other Events

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 20, 2006, Albemarle Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing, among other things, that an arbitral tribunal has ruled in favor of Albemarle France SAS and Albemarle PPC, wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company, in the action brought by them against Sanofi-Aventis before the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, in Paris, France, concerning certain environmental matters at Albemarle PPC's site in Thann, France.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statement and Exhibits.

(c) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press release, dated March 20, 2006, issued by the Company.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 21, 2006

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Luther C. Kissam, IV
Luther C. Kissam, IV
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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