

GOTTWALD WILLIAM M  
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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 \*  
GOTTWALD WILLIAM M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALBEMARLE CORP [ALB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
330 SOUTH FOURTH STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/16/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman of the Board

RICHMOND, VA 23219

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	02/16/2006		M	V Amount (A) or (D) Price	\$ 0 <sup>(8)</sup> 1,089,635 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	02/16/2006		F	4,830 D \$ 43.05	1,084,805 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

Common Stock

37,170 I

Shares held in trust fbo William M. Gottwald, Jr., u/a dtd 10/13/83. <sup>(2)</sup>

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Common Stock	27,065	I	Shares held in trust fbo William M. Gottwald, Jr. u/a dtd 1/3/89. <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	70,481	I	Shares held by William M. Gottwald, Jr. <sup>(10)</sup>
Common Stock	16,660	I	Shares held in trust fbo Elizabeth I. Gottwald u/a dtd 3/28/85. <sup>(11)</sup>
Common Stock	27,065	I	Shares held in trust fbo Elizabeth I. Gottwald u/a dtd 1/3/89. <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	96,119	I	Shares held by Elizabeth I. Gottwald. <sup>(10)</sup>
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. <sup>(12)</sup>
Common Stock	5,374	I	Shares held as Trustee fbo Samuel

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Common Stock	23,148	I	S. Gottwald u/a dtd 12/21/87.  Shares held as Trustee fbo Samuel S. Gottwald u/a dtd 1/3/89. <sup>(4)</sup>
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. <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	9,147	I	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. <sup>(4)</sup>

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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. <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	8,947	I	Shares held as Trustee fbo Sarah W. Gottwald u/a dtd 1/3/89.
Common Stock	844,725 <sup>(9)</sup>	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. <sup>(5)</sup>

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
Performance Unit	(6)	02/16/2006		A	30,000	(7) (7)	Common Stock	30,000
Performance Unit	(6)	02/16/2006		M	15,000	(7) (7)	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	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.
- (5) 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 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.
- (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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