STEITZ JOHN M Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A STEITZ JOH	ddress of Report HN M	ing Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALBEMARLE CORP [ALB]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
451 FLORII	DA STREET		(Month/Day/Year) 02/26/2007	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior VP Business Operations		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
RICHMONI	O, VA 23219		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non	-Derivative	Secur	ities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or TransactiorDisposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	6,161 (1)	I	Albemarle Savings Plan
Common Stock	02/26/2007		M	50,000	A	\$ 22.3125	65,455	D	
Common Stock	02/26/2007		M	18,000	A	\$ 24.38	83,455	D	
Common Stock	02/26/2007		M	20,000	A	\$ 23.45	103,455	D	
Common Stock	02/26/2007		M	20,000	A	\$ 25.83	123,455	D	

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Common Stock 02/26/2007 S 108,000 D \$ 15,455 D

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)

I S	. Title of Derivative ecurity (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	Amo or Num of Sh
(Nonqualified Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.3125	02/26/2007		M		50,000	07/17/2006	07/16/2010	Common Stock	50,0
(Nonqualified Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.38	02/26/2007		M		18,000	01/25/2004	01/24/2011	Common Stock	18,0
(Nonqualified Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.45	02/26/2007		M		20,000	01/31/2005	01/30/2012	Common Stock	20,0
(Nonqualified Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.83	02/26/2007		M		20,000	01/30/2006	01/29/2013	Common Stock	20,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
STEITZ JOHN M						
451 FLORIDA STREET			Senior VP Business Operations			
RICHMOND VA 23219						

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Signatures

Nicole C. Daniel, attorney in fact

02/28/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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) Portion of share increase due to periodic purchases by Albemarle Savings Plan trustee.

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