

STEITZ JOHN M  
Form 4  
February 21, 2006

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
STEITZ JOHN 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)

451 FLORIDA STREET

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Senior VP Business Operations

(Street)

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

RICHMOND, VA 23219

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Common<br>Stock                       |   |   |                                      |   | 5,549 <sup>(2)</sup>   | I   | Albemarle<br>Savings<br>Plan                                      |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/16/2006                              |   | M                                    | 15,000 A  | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup> 16,125   | D   |   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/16/2006                              |   | F                                    | 4,688 D   | \$ 43.05 11,437  | 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)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|
|   |  |   |   | Code V (A) (D)                       |  | Date<br>Exercisable Expiration<br>Date Date                    | Title  |                                     |
| Performance<br>Unit                                 | (3)  | 02/16/2006                              |   | A                                    | 30,000   | (4) (4)  | Common<br>Stock  | 30,000                              |
| Performance<br>Unit                                 | (3)  | 02/16/2006                              |   | M                                    | 15,000   | (4) (4)  | Common<br>Stock  | 15,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

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

## 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) Transaction has no purchase or sale price

(2) Portion of share increase due to periodic purchases by Albemarle Savings Plan trustee.

(3) Performance Units convert 1 for 1.

(4) Performance Units issued pursuant to 2003 Incentive Plan. Units vest over two year period -- 50% payable in 2006 and 50% payable in 2007.

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