

NICOLS JOHN J
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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 *
NICOLS JOHN J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
451 FLORIDA STREET
(Street)

BATON ROUGE, LA 70801

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
06/12/2006

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)
VP Fine Chemicals

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock					60	I	Custodian for Minor, Matthew T. Nicols
Common Stock					7,172.95 ⁽¹⁾	I	Albemarle Savings Plan
Common Stock	06/12/2006		M	12,000 A	\$ 25.83	20,368 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	06/12/2006		S	11,900 D	\$ 45	8,468 ⁽²⁾	D

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Common Stock 06/12/2006 S 100 D \$ 45.14 8,368 D

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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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Nonqualified Option	\$ 25.83	06/12/2006		M	12,000	01/30/2006 01/29/2013	Common Stock 12,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NICOLS JOHN J 451 FLORIDA STREET BATON ROUGE, LA 70801			VP Fine Chemicals	

Signatures

Nicole C. Daniel, attorney
in fact 06/13/2006
**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) Portion of share increase due to periodic purchases by Albemarle Corporation Savings Plan trustee.
- (2) Portion of share increase due to periodic purchases by Albemarle Corporation Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

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