

ALBEMARLE CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 19, 2004

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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) April 19, 2004**

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**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION**

**(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)**

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**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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**Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure.**

On April 19, 2004, Albemarle Corporation (the Company) issued a press release, attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference, reporting that it expects to complete an agreement with Akzo Nobel N.V. to acquire the catalyst business of Akzo Nobel for 625 million euros in cash, subject to the advice of Akzo Nobel's Works Council and the approval of regulatory authorities. The acquisition is expected to close in the second quarter of 2004.

The Company will conduct a teleconference today, April 19, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time, to further discuss the transaction with shareholders and other interested parties. To join the call, dial 1-800-497-3477 (password: michael) or link to [www.albemarle.com](http://www.albemarle.com) for the Web cast. Replay will be available at 1-800-642-1687, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, April 19, 2004 through 12:00 a.m. Eastern Time, April 23, 2004. Access Code: 6858996. Refer to the Company's Web site for the presentation used during the teleconference.

The Company also will hold its regular earnings conference call on Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, and information is available on the Web site.

**Item 7. Financial Statements, *Pro Forma* Financial Information and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Albemarle Corporation press release dated April 19, 2004.

**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: April 19, 2004

**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Paul F. Rocheleau

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Paul F. Rocheleau  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b><u>Exhibit Number</u></b>	<b><u>Exhibit</u></b>
Exhibit 99.1	Albemarle Corporation press release dated April 19, 2004.