# **UNITED STATES**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549** 

FORM 8-K

**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 26, 2006 (April 25, 2006)

# ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

Virginia (State or other jurisdiction 1-12658 (Commission file number) **54-1692118** (IRS employer

of incorporation)

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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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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#### **Section 2** Financial Information

### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 25, 2006, Albemarle Corporation (the Company) issued a press release regarding its earnings for the first quarter ended March 31, 2006. A copy of this release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference. In addition, on April 26, 2006, the Company will hold a teleconference for analysts and media to discuss results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2006. The teleconference will be webcast on the Company s website at www.albemarle.com.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

#### Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press release, dated April 25, 2006, issued by the Company.

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### **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 26, 2006

### ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Luther C. Kissam, IV Luther C. Kissam, IV Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

### EXHIBIT INDEX

### Exhibit

Number Exhibit

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