

ALBEMARLE CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 22, 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) July 22, 2004**

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**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**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)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code - (804) 788-6000

Former name or former address, if changed since last report N/A

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

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Albemarle Corporation press release dated July 22, 2004.

**Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On July 22, 2004, the Company issued a press release regarding its earnings for the period ended June 30, 2004. A copy of this release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference. In addition, on July 22, 2004, the Company will hold a teleconference for analysts and media to discuss the second quarter results. The teleconference will be webcast on the Company's website at <http://www.albemarle.com/finanfrm.htm>

The press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 includes the non-GAAP measure of earnings excluding special items. Management believes that reporting income measures that exclude special items more accurately reflects the Company's operations and performance.

In accordance with General Instruction B.6 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report of 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.

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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 authorized.

Date: July 22, 2004

**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION**

/s/ Paul F. Rocheleau

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Paul F. Rocheleau  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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