

NICOLS JOHN J
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FORM 4

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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

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)

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

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

451 FLORIDA STREET

04/20/2012

Sr VP, Strat Dev & Catalysts

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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BATON ROUGE, LA 70801

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/20/2012		S		11,000	D	\$ 65.5
					10,275	I	
							Albemarle Savings Plan
Common Stock	04/20/2012		M		60,000 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 22.45
					84,443	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2012		S		60,000	D	\$ 63.5
					24,443	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2012		S		3,525	D	\$ 63.5
					20,918	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2012		S		20,918	D	\$ 63.5
					0	D	

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Table with 7 columns: 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4). Row 1: Non-Qualified Stock Option, \$ 22.45, 04/20/2012, M, 60,000, 04/01/2012(1) 03/31/2019, Common Stock.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Row 1: NICOLS JOHN J, 451 FLORIDA STREET, BATON ROUGE, LA 70801; Relationships: Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Sr VP, Strat Dev & Catalysts.

Signatures

/s/ Karen G. Narwold, attorney in fact 04/24/2012

**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) 60,000 Non-Qualified Stock Options granted on 4/01/2009 and cliff vested on 4/01/2012. 60,000 exercised on 4/20/2012.

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