

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)
01/31/2011

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 Catalysts

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 18,135 ⁽¹⁾ | I | Albemarle Savings Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 15,171 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 56.16 | 01/31/2011 | | A | 13,000 | (2) 01/30/2021 | Common Stock | 13,000 |
| Phantom Stock (3) | (4) | | | | | (5) (6) | Common Stock | 85 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Nicole C. Daniel, attorney
in fact 03/01/2011

**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) As of 2/22/11. Portion of share increase due to periodic purchases by Albemarle Corporation Savings Plan trustee.
- (2) Option vests in three increments: 4,334 on January 31, 2012, 4,333 on January 31, 2013, and 4,333 on January 31, 2014.
- (3) Phantom Shares represent supplemental Savings Plan match.
- (4) Converts 1 to 1.
- (5) No exercisable date.
- (6) No expiration date.

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