

NICOLS JOHN J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)  
04/01/2012

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)  
Sr VP, Strat Dev & Catalysts

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	(D)	Price
Common Stock					21,060	I	Albemarle Savings Plan
Common Stock	04/01/2012		M		6,000	A	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	04/01/2012		F		2,475 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 63.92
					24,443	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Unit	(3)	04/01/2012		M	6,000	(4) (5)	Common Stock	6,000 \$

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Karen G. Narwold, attorney  
in fact

04/03/2012

\_\_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) Transaction has no purchase or sale price.
- (2) 6,000 Restricted Stock Units vested on 4/01/2012. 2,475 shares withheld to meet tax liabilities associated with such vested shares.
- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit converts to 1 share of Common Stock.
- (4) Restricted Stock Units issued on 4/01/2009 and cliff vested on 4/01/2012.
- (5) No expiration date.

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