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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) May 6, 2015

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION (Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

Virginia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-12658 (Commission file number) 54-1692118 (IRS employer identification no.)

70801 (Zip code)

451 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Address of principal executive offices) Registrant's telephone number, including area code (225) 388-8011 Not applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

"Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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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[&]quot;Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a- 12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

[&]quot;Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Section 2 - Financial Information

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 6, 2015, Albemarle Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release regarding its earnings for the first quarter ended March 31, 2015. A copy of this release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference. In addition, on May 7, 2015, the Company will hold a teleconference for analysts and media to discuss results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2015. The teleconference is webcast on the Company's website at www.albemarle.com.

The press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 includes presentations of adjusted net income attributable to Albemarle Corporation ("adjusted earnings"), adjusted diluted earnings per share, adjusted effective income tax rates, EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, EBITDA margin and adjusted EBITDA margin. These are financial measures that are not required by, nor presented in accordance with, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"), but are included to provide additional useful measurements to review our operations, provide transparency to investors and enable period-to-period comparability of financial performance.

Our presentations of adjusted earnings, adjusted diluted earnings per share, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted effective income tax rates should not be considered as alternatives to earnings, earnings per share, income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in net income of unconsolidated investments and effective income tax rates, respectively, as determined in accordance with GAAP. Also, adjusted earnings, EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as alternatives to net income attributable to Albemarle Corporation as determined in accordance with GAAP. Further, EBITDA margin and adjusted EBITDA margin should not be considered as alternatives to Albemarle Corporation as a percentage of our consolidated net sales as would be determined in accordance with GAAP. The Company has included in the press release certain reconciliation information for these measures to their most directly comparable financial measures calculated and reported in accordance with GAAP.

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.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release, dated May 6, 2015, issued by the Company.

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: May 6, 2015

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Karen G. Narwold Karen G. Narwold Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Corporate and Government Affairs, Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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