

ALBEMARLE CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 04, 2005

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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) April 4, 2005 (March 31, 2005)

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**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

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**Virginia**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-12658**  
(Commission file number)

**54-1692118**  
(IRS employer  
identification no.)

**330 South Fourth Street, Richmond, Virginia**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**23219**  
(Zip code)

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

**Not applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 1 Registrant's Business and Operations**

**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On March 31, 2005, the Executive Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors of Albemarle Corporation (the "Company") approved a salary increase for Mark C. Rohr, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, from \$600,000 to \$775,000, effective April 1, 2005. After a review of peer group companies and consultation with the Committee's independent outside consultant, the Committee decided to increase the Chief Executive Officer's base salary to provide a competitive total compensation package. The Committee believes that this increase in base salary is consistent with the overall objectives of the Company's executive compensation program as described in the Committee's report in the Company's proxy statement, dated March 18, 2005, in that it will bring the Chief Executive Officer's salary in line with peer group companies. The Committee also believes that the Chief Executive Officer's salary is reasonable and is not excessive.

**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: April 4, 2005

**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Luther C. Kissam, IV

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Luther C. Kissam, IV  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary