### BALLBACH JOHN M Form 3 January 19, 2005 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB approval

### INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 <u>*</u> BALLBACH JOHN M			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Celanese CORP [ce]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/19/2005	4. Relationship of Re Person(s) to Issuer	eporting	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			
Â	(Street)			(Check all app X_ Director Officer (give title below) (spe	10% Owner Other	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivative So	ecurities Be	eneficially Owned			
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and		3. Title and Amount of		4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
	Expiration Date		Securities Underlying		Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security		or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	

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# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Add	ress	Relationships					
		10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BALLBACH JOHN M							
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

#### No securities are beneficially owned

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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