

ALBEMARLE CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 21, 2006

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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) March 21, 2006 (March 20, 2006)**

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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 8 Other Events**

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On March 20, 2006, Albemarle Corporation (the Company ) issued a press release announcing, among other things, that an arbitral tribunal has ruled in favor of Albemarle France SAS and Albemarle PPC, wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company, in the action brought by them against Sanofi-Aventis before the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, in Paris, France, concerning certain environmental matters at Albemarle PPC's site in Thann, France.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statement and Exhibits.**

(c) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press release, dated March 20, 2006, 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: March 21, 2006

**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Luther C. Kissam, IV  
Luther C. Kissam, IV  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Exhibit</b>   |
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