

Parnell Anthony Stephen
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Parnell Anthony Stephen

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ALBEMARLE CORP [ALB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ALBEMARLE CORPORATION, 451 FLORIDA STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/07/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP-Global Sales,Svce&Ops Plnng

(Street)
 BATON ROUGE, LA 70801

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 12,641 ⁽¹⁾ | I | Albemarle Corporation Savings Plan |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | | M | 10,000 A \$ 11.725 | 15,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | | S | 10,000 D \$ 44.2048 | 5,000 | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Nonqualified Option (right to buy) | \$ 11.725 (2) | 12/07/2007 | | M | 10,000 | 01/31/2005 01/31/2012 | Common Stock | 10,000 (2) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Parnell Anthony Stephen ALBEMARLE CORPORATION 451 FLORIDA STREET BATON ROUGE, LA 70801 | | | VP-Global Sales,Svce&Ops Plnng | |

Signatures

Shawn R. Urelius, Attorney
in Fact 12/07/2007

**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) Portion of share increase due to periodic purchases by Albemarle Corporation Savings Plan trustee.
- (2) Due to recent 2-1 stock split, option shares were doubled and share price halved.

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