

Gardner Ronald Roy  
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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 \*  
 Gardner Ronald Roy

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION, 451 FLORIDA STREET

(Street)

BATON ROUGE, LA 70801

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/24/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP - Fine Chemicals

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,922 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I  | Albemarle Savings Plan                                |
| Common Stock                    | 02/24/2012                           |  | M                              | 6,500 A   | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 11,453   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/24/2012                           |  | F                              | 2,069 <sup>(3)</sup>  | \$ 66.14  | 9,384  | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Performance Unit                           | (4)  | 02/24/2012                           |  | M                              | 6,500   | (5) (6)  | Common Stock  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option                 | \$ 66.14   | 02/24/2012                           |  | A                              | 8,900   | (7) 02/24/2022   | Common Stock  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                     |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer             | Other |
| Gardner Ronald Roy<br>ALBEMARLE CORPORATION<br>451 FLORIDA STREET<br>BATON ROUGE, LA 70801 |               |           | VP - Fine Chemicals |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Karen G. Narwold,  
attorney-in-fact

02/28/2012

\_\_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 Savings Plan trustee.
- (2) Transaction has no purchase or sale price.
- (3) 6,500 Performance Units vested on 2/24/2012. 2,069 shares withheld to meet tax liabilities associated with such vested shares.
- (4) Each Performance Unit converts to 1 share of Common Stock.

- (5) Performance Units issued on 3/12/2010. Total of 13,000 Performance Units granted by Compensation Committee upon achievement of superior level of performance objectives. Performance Units vest over a 2 year period -- 50% vested on 2/24/2012 and 50% to vest on 1/1/2013.

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(6) No expiration date.

(7) Stock Option vests in three equal installments over 3 years: 2/24/2013, 2/24/2014, and 2/24/2015.

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