

Gardner Ronald Roy
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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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
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock					1,922 ⁽¹⁾	I	Albemarle Savings Plan
Common Stock	02/24/2012		M		6,500	A	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾ 11,453
Common Stock	02/24/2012		F		2,069 ⁽³⁾	D	\$ 66.14 9,384

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
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 ALBEMARLE CORPORATION 451 FLORIDA STREET 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:

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(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.

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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