# **UNITED STATES**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) April 21, 2004

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Virginia (State or Other Jurisdiction 1-12658 (Commission **54-1692118** (IRS Employer

 $of\ Incorporation)$ 

File Number)

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

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Former name or former address, if changed since last report N/A

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#### Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Albemarle Corporation press release dated April 21, 2004.

### Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On April 21, 2004, the Company issued a press release regarding its earnings for the period ended March 31, 2004. A copy of this release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with General Instruction B.6 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report of Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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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 authorized.

Date: April 21, 2004

### ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

/s/ PAUL F. ROCHELEAU

Paul F. Rocheleau

Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

### EXHIBIT INDEX

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