

ALBEMARLE CORP
Form 8-K
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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): August 2, 2007 (July 31, 2007)

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

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)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

23219
(Zip 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 August 1, 2007, Albemarle Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing that it has closed its previously announced transaction with its Chinese partner to increase the Company s ownership from 25% to 75% in two joint ventures: Ningbo Jinhai Albemarle Chemical & Industry Co., Ltd. and Shanghai Jinhai Albemarle Fine Chemicals Co., Ltd. A copy of this release is being filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press release, dated August 1, 2007, 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: July 31, 2007

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Exhibit
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