

ALBEMARLE CORP
Form 8-K
January 23, 2012

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) January 23, 2012

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

Virginia
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-12658
(Commission
file number)

54-1692118
(IRS employer
identification no.)

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451 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(225) 388-8011

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

70801

(Zip code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 23, 2012, Albemarle Corporation (the Company) issued a press release regarding its earnings for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2011. A copy of this release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference. In addition, on January 24, 2012, the Company will hold a teleconference for analysts and media to discuss results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2011. The teleconference is webcast on the Company's website at www.albemarle.com.

The press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 includes presentations of earnings, earnings per share and effective income tax rates which exclude special items, as well as presentations of segment operating profit, segment income, EBITDA, EBITDA excluding special items, EBITDA margin and EBITDA margin excluding special items. These are financial measures that are not required by, nor presented in accordance with, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP), but are included to provide additional useful measurements to review our operations, provide transparency to investors and enable period-to-period comparability of financial performance.

Our presentations of earnings, earnings per share, segment operating profit and effective income tax rates which exclude special items should not be considered as alternatives to earnings, earnings per share, operating profit and effective income tax rates, respectively, as determined in accordance with GAAP. Also, segment income, EBITDA and EBITDA excluding special items should not be considered as alternatives to net income attributable to Albemarle Corporation as determined in accordance with GAAP. Further, EBITDA margin and EBITDA margin excluding special items should not be considered as alternatives to net income attributable to Albemarle Corporation as a percentage of our consolidated net sales as would be determined in accordance with GAAP. The Company has included in the press release certain reconciliation information for these measures to their most directly comparable financial measures calculated and reported in accordance with GAAP.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Current Report on 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.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press release, dated January 23, 2012, 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: January 23, 2012

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Karen G. Narwold
Karen G. Narwold
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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