

ALBEMARLE CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 20, 2012

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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 20, 2012

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Virginia  
(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-12658  
(Commission File Number)

54-1692118  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

451 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code: (225) 388-8011

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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:

- “ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On August 20, 2012, Albemarle Corporation (the “Company”) accepted the resignation of John M. Steitz, the Company’s President and Chief Operating Officer since February 2012. Mr. Steitz resigned to pursue other professional interests and will remain with the Company until August 31, 2012.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

Date: August 20, 2012

By:

/s/ Karen G. Narwold

Name: Karen G. Narwold

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary