

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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 12, 2012**

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**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)
- 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))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On July 12, 2012, Albemarle Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release indicating that its Board of Directors had declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.20 per share, payable on October 1, 2012 to shareholders of record as of September 15, 2012. As September 15, 2012 falls on a Saturday, the effective record date for the dividend will be the close of business on Friday, September 14, 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: July 12, 2012

By: /s/ Karen G. Narwold

Name: Karen G. Narwold

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary