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ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

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February 27, 2004

Dear Shareholder:

You have consented to access all future proxy materials and annual reports of Albemarle Corporation (the "Company") electronically over the Internet instead of receiving paper copies of such documents in the mail. The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Company's proxy materials for the 2004 annual meeting of its shareholders and its 2003 annual report are now available on the Company's website at <http://www.albemarle.com>. After accessing these documents, please mark, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card promptly using the enclosed envelope.

You may request paper copies of the proxy materials for the 2004 annual meeting of the Company's shareholders and the Company's 2003 annual report by contacting our transfer agent National City Bank at 1-800-622-6757.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Luther C. Kissam, IV

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Secretary