Celanese CORP Form 4 January 20, 2009

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ONEILL PAUL H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

Celanese CORP [CE] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable) X_ Director 10% Owner

C/O CELANESE CORPORATION, 1601 W. LBJ

(Street)

FREEWAY

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Officer (give title

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

01/15/2009

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

DALLAS, TX 75234

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities 3. (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership Owned (I) (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 7. Title and Amount of 1. Title of 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Derivative Conversion

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)			(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	01/15/2009		A	1,887.92		(2)	(2)	Series A Common Stock	1,887.92

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ONEILL PAUL H C/O CELANESE CORPORATION 1601 W. LBJ FREEWAY DALLAS, TX 75234



Signatures

/s/ Alexander M Ludlow, Attorney-in-Fact for Paul O'Neill

01/20/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Each share of Phantom Stock represents the right to receive the cash value of one share of Series A Common Stock.
- (2) The Phantom Stock represents deferred compensation under the Company's 2008 Deferred Compensation Plan. The shares of Phantom Stock become payable in cash following the termination of the reporting person's service as a director of the Company.

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