

ALBEMARLE CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 02, 2007

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**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): August 2, 2007 (July 31, 2007)**

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**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

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**Virginia**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-12658**  
(Commission file number)

**54-1692118**  
(IRS employer  
identification no.)

**330 South Fourth Street, Richmond, Virginia**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

**23219**  
(Zip code)

**(804) 788-6000**

**Not applicable**

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

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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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**Section 8 Other Events**

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On August 1, 2007, Albemarle Corporation (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that it has closed its previously announced transaction with its Chinese partner to increase the Company s ownership from 25% to 75% in two joint ventures: Ningbo Jinhai Albemarle Chemical & Industry Co., Ltd. and Shanghai Jinhai Albemarle Fine Chemicals Co., Ltd. A copy of this release is being filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press release, dated August 1, 2007, 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: July 31, 2007

**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Luther C. Kissam, IV  
Luther C. Kissam, IV  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
99.1	Press release, dated August 1, 2007, issued by the Company.