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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Form 4

Transactions Reported

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * OBRIEN JAMES J/KY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

ALBEMARLE CORP [ALB]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (First) (Middle)

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2016

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below)

Other (specify below)

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION, Â 4350 **CONGRESS STREET, SUITE 700**

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

CHARLOTTE, NCÂ 28209

X Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

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

Code

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Number

(Instr. 8)

Transaction

4. Securities Acquired (A) or

Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(A) or

of Issuer's Fiscal Year

Owned at end

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Expiration Date

Amount (D) Price

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

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Underlying Securities Deriva

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

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Pric

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Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day	/Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)	Securi
(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				(Instr.	
					(A) (I	D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	\hat{A} \hat{A} $\frac{(2)}{(2)}$	(3)	Common	7,340	Â

Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
OBRIEN JAMES J/KY						
ALBEMARLE CORPORATION	â v	Â	â	â		
4350 CONGRESS STREET, SUITE 700	АЛ	A	Α	A		
CHARLOTTE, NC 28209						

Signatures

Stock

/s/ Brian Webb, Attorney-in-fact 02/14/2017

**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) Phantom Stock units convert 1 for 1 into common stock. Represents deferred director compensation.
- (2) Exercisable in a single lump sum on February 15th of the calendar year after the year in which the reporting person is no longer a director.
- (3) No expiration date.
- (4) Balance includes dividend equivalent rights earned based on total shares of Phantom Stock in Director's deferred stock account.

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