

ALBEMARLE CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 21, 2006

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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) September 21, 2006 (September 20, 2006)**

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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 September 20, 2006, Albemarle Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing, among other things, that the Company executed an agreement with DSM Pharmaceutical Products (DSM), a business group of Royal DSM NV, to purchase the assets along with the fine chemistry services and pharmaceuticals business associated with DSM's South Haven, Michigan facility. A copy of the press release issued by the Company on September 20, 2006 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 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 September 20, 2006, 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: September 21, 2006

**ALBEMARLE CORPORATION**

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit**

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Exhibit</b>  |
|---------------|---|
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