ALBEMARLE CORP Form 8-K January 04, 2017

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 4, 2017

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Virginia (State or Other Jurisdiction **001-12658** (Commission

54-1692118 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation) File Number) Identification Number)
4350 Congress Street, Suite 700, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

Registrant s Telephone Number, including Area Code: (980) 299-5700

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))

Item. 8.01 Other Events

On January 4, 2017, Albemarle Corporation (the <u>Company</u>) announced that it has commenced tender offers to purchase for cash (i) any and all of the 3.000% senior notes due 2019 and the 4.500% senior notes due 2020 (collectively, the <u>Any and All Notes</u>) issued by the Company and (ii) up to an aggregate principal amount of the 1.875% senior notes due 2021 and the 4.150% senior notes due 2024 (collectively, the <u>Maximum Tender Offer Notes</u>) issued by the Company, that will not exceed the aggregate maximum repurchase amount. The aggregate maximum repurchase amount is equal to \$500,000,000 principal amount less the aggregate principal amount of the 4.500% senior notes due 2020 validly tendered and accepted for purchase in the tender offers for the Any and All Notes. The tender offers are being made exclusively pursuant to an offer to purchase dated January 4, 2017 and related letter of transmittal and, with respect to the Any and All Notes, related notice of guaranteed delivery, which set forth the terms and conditions of the tender offers.

Furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference is a copy of the press release announcing the tender offers.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press Release, dated January 4, 2017

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

January 4, 2017 By: /s/ Karen G. Narwold

Name: Karen G. Narwold

Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative

Title: Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1 Press Release, dated January 4, 2017