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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 9, 2017

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

Virginia 001-12658 54-1692118 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission (IRS employer file number) identification no.)

4350 Congress Street, Suite 700,

Charlotte, North Carolina

(Address of principal executive offices) (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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- "Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 9, 2017, Albemarle Corporation (the "Company") released additional information regarding the previously announced amendment of its lithium production rights agreement with the Chilean Economic Development Agency, to both extend the term of that agreement and increase the Company's authorized lithium quota at its facility in the Salar de Atacama, Chile.

The additional information is set forth in Exhibit 99.1, which Exhibit is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Item 7.01 is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and is not deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information contained herein is not incorporated by reference in any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any filings.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Additional Information Regarding Lithium Production Rights Agreement

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: January 9, 2017

ALBEMARLE CORPORATION

By:/s/ Karen G. Narwold Karen G. Narwold

Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer

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