BALLBACH JOHN M

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BALLBACH JOHN M | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Celanese CORP [CE] | | | | ing | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|--------------|----------|--|--|---|
| (Last) | (First) (| Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/20/2005 | | | | | _X_ Director Officer (gibelow) | | e) % Owner her (specify |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivative | Secui | rities A | cquired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | lly Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Da | Date, if | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, | (A) or of (D |) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |

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

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

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and Amount of |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | onDerivative | Expiration Date | Underlying Securities |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | Securities | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) | | |

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount

Exercisable Date

or Number of Shares

24,622

Series A Series A

Common \$ 16 01/20/2005 P 24,622 01/20/2005 01/20/2015 Common Stock

Stock

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BALLBACH JOHN M

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Signatures

Mai-Anh 01/24/2005 Nguyen

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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