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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Series A Common

Stock

04/20/2018

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Brown William M Issuer Symbol Celanese Corp [CE] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify C/O CELANESE 04/20/2018 below) CORPORATION, 222 W LAS COLINAS BLVD, SUITE 900N (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **IRVING, TX 75039** (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Series A 1,372 Common 04/20/2018 A A \$0 D 3,073 (1) Stock

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

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1,601

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(2)

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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Code | 5. Number to for Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | re Expiration I (Month/Day | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--------|---|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|----|
| | | | Code V | (A) (D | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Phantom Stock | <u>(3)</u> | 04/20/2018 | A | 1,601 | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Series A Common Stock | 1,601 | \$ |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Brown William M C/O CELANESE CORPORATION 222 W LAS COLINAS BLVD, SUITE 900N IRVING, TX 75039

X

Signatures

James R. Peacock III, Attorney-in-Fact for William M. Brown

04/24/2018

**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).

Annual grant of restricted stock units pursuant to the Company's 2009 Global Incentive Plan, as amended and restated. The restricted stock units vest in full on the one-year anniversary of the date of the grant. The reporting person has elected that upon vesting of the restricted stock units, receipt of the shares of Series A Common Stock be deferred under the Company's 2008 Deferred Compensation

- (1) Plan; accordingly, upon vesting, the reporting person will instead receive an equal number of shares of phantom stock. As provided in the Company's 2008 Deferred Compensation Plan, the phantom stock becomes payable in shares of Series A Common Stock upon the earlier of the date previously elected by the reporting person to receive payment or the termination of the reporting person's service as a director of the Company.
- Upon vesting of 1,601 Restricted Stock Units granted to the reporting person on April 20, 2017, the reporting person deferred the receipt of 1,601 shares of Series A Common Stock and received instead 1,601 shares of phantom stock pursuant to the Company's 2008 Deferred Compensation Plan. As a result, the reporting person is reporting the disposition of 1,601 shares of Series A Common Stock in exchange for an equal number of shares of phantom stock.

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- (3) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive one share of Series A Common Stock.
- (4) As provided in the 2008 Deferred Compensation Plan, the reported phantom stock becomes payable in shares of Series A Common Stock upon termination of the reporting person's service as a director of the Company subject to certain restrictions and limitations.

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