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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Celanese CORP [CE] A Blackstone LR Associates (Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2005 (Cayman) IV Ltd. (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O THE BLACKSTONE (Check all applicable) GROUP. 345 PARK AVENUE (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group __X__ 10% Owner Director Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by One Reporting Person NEW YORK. NYÂ 10154 X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Series B common stock, par value \$0.0001 57,051,899 I See footnotes (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) per share Series B common stock, par value \$0.0001 See footnotes (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) Ι 3,956,714 per share Series B common stock, par value \$0.0001 See footnotes (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) 31,018,837 I per share Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion Ownership or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

or Indirect

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Expiration

Exercisable Date

Amount or Title Number of Shares

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Blackstone LR Associates (Cayman) IV Ltd. C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	Â	ÂΧ	Â	Â
Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd 1 C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	Â	ÂX	Â	Â
Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd 2 C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	Â	ÂΧ	Â	Â
Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd 3 C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	Â	ÂX	Â	Â
PETERSON PETER G C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	Â	ÂΧ	Â	Â
SCHWARZMAN STEPHEN A C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	Â	ÂX	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Robert L. Friedman, Director (See signatures of other Reporting Persons attached as Exhibit 99.1)

01/20/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

2 Reporting Owners

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- The 92,027,450 shares of Celanese Corporation's Series B common stock reported as beneficially owned in the above table reflects the (1) 152.772947 for one common stock split, expected to be effected immediately after the consummation of the initial public offering by Celanese Corporation.
 - Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 1 ("Cayman 1"), Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 2 ("Cayman 2") and Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 3 ("Cayman 3" and, collectively with Cayman 1 and Cayman 2, the "Cayman Entities") respectively own 57,051,899, 3,956,714, and 31,018,837 shares of the Series B common stock reported as beneficially owned in the above table.
- (2) Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) IV L.P. ("BCP IV") owns 100% of Cayman 1. Blackstone Family Investment Partnership (Cayman) IV-A L.P. ("BFIP") and Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) IV-A L.P. ("BCP IV-A") collectively own 100% of Cayman 2. Blackstone Chemical Coinvest Partners (Cayman) L.P. ("BCCP" and, collectively with BCP IV, BFIP and BCP IV-A, the "Blackstone Funds") owns 100% of Cayman 3. Each of the Blackstone Funds may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of Series B common stock held by the Cayman Entities (continued on footnote 3)
- (footnote 2 continued) owned by such Blackstone Funds. Blackstone Management Associates (Cayman) IV L.P. ("BMA") is the general partner of each of the Blackstone Funds and, therefore, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of Series B common stock held by the Cayman Entities. Blackstone LR Associates (Cayman) IV Ltd. ("BLRA") is the general partner of BMA and may, therefore, be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of Series B common stock held by the Cayman Entities.
- (4) Messrs. Peter G. Peterson and Stephen A. Schwarzman are directors and controlling persons of BLRA and, as such, may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Series B common stock held by the Cayman Entities.
- (5) Due to the electronic system's limitation of 10 Reporting Persons per joint filing, this statement is being filed in duplicate.
- (6) Information with respect to each of the Reporting Persons is given solely by such Reporting Persons, and no Reporting Person has responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of information supplied by another Reporting Person.
 - Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, each of the Reporting Persons, other than the Cayman Entities, herein states that this filing shall not be deemed an admission that he or it is the beneficial owner of any of the shares of Series B
- (7) common stock covered by this Statement. Each of BLRA, BMA, Messrs. Peter G. Peterson and Stephen A. Schwarzman disclaims beneficial ownership of the Series B common stock, except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest in such shares of Series B common stock.

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