

Celanese CORP  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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|--|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *  |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                     |  |
| Â ONEILL PAUL H                            |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | Celanese CORP [CE]   |  |
| (Last)                                     | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                       | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP,Â 345 PARK AVENUE |         | 01/19/2005                           | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| (Street)                                   |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                   |
| NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10154                       |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                       |
| (City)                                     | (State) | (Zip)                                | (give title below)   | (specify below)                                      |
|  |         |                                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |  |
|  |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |  |
|  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

|                                 |   |  |   |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially 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) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares   |   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ONEILL PAUL H<br>C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP<br>345 PARK AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10154 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Paul H. O'Neill 01/19/2005

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

### No securities are beneficially owned

- \* 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).

Remarks:

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Mr. O'Neill is associated with Blackstone LR Associates (Cayman) IV Ltd. ("BLRA"). BLRA may be owner of the shares of Series B common stock of Celanese Corporation for the following reason: B common stock of Celanese Corporation are owned by Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 1 Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 2 ("Cayman 2"), and Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 3 ("Cayman 1" and "Cayman 2", the "Cayman Entities"). Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) IV L.P. Cayman 1. Blackstone Family Investment Partnership (Cayman) IV-AA L.P. ("BFIP") and Blackstone Cap IV-AA L.P. ("BCP IV-A") collectively own 100% of Cayman 2. Blackstone Chemical Coinvest Partners collectively with BCP IV, BFIP and BCP IV-A, the "Blackstone Funds") owns 100% of Cayman 3. may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of Series B common stock held by the Blackstone Funds. Blackstone Management Associates (Cayman) IV L.P. ("BMA") is the general partner Blackstone Funds and may, therefore, be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the share of Series Cayman Entities. BLRA is the general partner of BMA and may, therefore, be deemed to be the Series B common stock held by the Cayman Entities.

Mr. O'Neill disclaims beneficial ownership of shares of the Series B common stock that may be d BLRA or any other affiliates of The Blackstone Group set forth above. This report shall not be O'Neill is the beneficial owner of, or has any pecuniary interest in, such securities for purposes of Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

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