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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| ^ Blackstone Management Partners IV L.L.C. (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | (Month/Day/Year) 01/25/2005 | Celanese CORP [CE] | |
| 345 PARK AVENUE | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | | |
| NEW YORK, ^ NY ^ 10154 | | | ___ Director ___ 10% Owner ___ Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Adviser to the Issuer | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | |
| | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | | |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

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| 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) |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

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| 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 | | | |

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|--|-------|------------|-----------------------------|---------|-------|-------|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (1) | 01/25/2015 | Series A Common Stock | 123,110 | \$ 16 | D (2) | Â |
|--|-------|------------|-----------------------------|---------|-------|-------|---|

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|--------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Blackstone Management Partners IV L.L.C. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154 | Â | Â | Â | Adviser to the Issuer |

Signatures

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| /s/ Peter G. Peterson, Founding Member | 01/27/2005 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

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| /s/ Stephen A. Schwarzman, Founding Member | 01/27/2005 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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- Granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. The options vest with respect to 25% of the option shares on January 25, 2005, and subject to the continued service of Messrs. Chinh E. Chu, Benjamin J. Jenkins, Anjan Mukherjee, Hanns Ostmeier and James A. Quella as directors of the Issuer, with respect to 25% on each of December 31, 2005, December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007.
- (1) All rights to the non-qualified stock options have been issued to the Reporting Person in connection with the services of Messrs. Chinh E. Chu, Benjamin J. Jenkins, Anjan Mukherjee, Hanns Ostmeier and James A. Quella as directors of the Issuer.

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