FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

X 10% Owner

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

**SPO ADVISORY CORP** 

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

<u>CABOT CORP</u> [ CBT ]

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

Director

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(Last) (First) (Middle) 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215				Date of Earliest Transa 1/06/2006	ction (M	lonth/[	Day/Year)		Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)					
(Street) MILL VALLEY CA 94941				If Amendment, Date of	Original	l Filed	(Month/Day/Y	6. Indir Line)	Form filed by One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)												
		Table I - No		e Securities Acq	1	Dis								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yo	Execution Date,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				(A) or 3, 4 and	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
					Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock			01/06/200	06	P		420	A	\$37.68	186,520	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnote		
Common Stock			01/06/200	06	P		420	A	\$37.69	186,940	<b>I</b> <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	See footnote		
Common Stock			01/06/200	06	P		8,579	A	\$37.7	195,519	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnote		
Common Stock			01/06/200	06	P		3,300	A	\$37.71	198,819	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnote		
Common Stock			01/06/200	06	P		1,079	A	\$37.72	199,898	I <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	See footnote		
Common Stock			01/06/200	06	P		2,520	A	\$37.73	202,418	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnote		
Common Stock			01/06/200	06	P		1,559	A	\$37.74	203,977	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnote		
Common Stock			01/06/200	06	P		32,573	A	\$37.75	236,550	I <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	See footnote		
Common Stock			01/09/200	06	P		400	A	\$37.43	236,950	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnote		
Common Stock			01/09/200	06	P		400	A	\$37.44	237,350	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnote		
Common Stock			01/09/200	06	P		500	A	\$37.45	237,850	I <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	See footnote		
Common Stock			01/09/200	06	P		800	A	\$37.46	238,650	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnote		
Common Stock			01/09/200	06	P		1,900	A	\$37.47	240,550	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnote		
Common Stock			01/09/200	06	P		500	A	\$37.48	241,050	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnote		
Common Stock			01/09/200	06	P		600	A	\$37.49	241,650	I(1)(2)	See footnote		
Common Stock			01/09/200	06	P		94,900	A	\$37.5	336,550	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnote		
Common Stock			01/06/200	06	P		280	A	\$37.68	336,830	I(1)(2)	See footnote		
Common Stock			01/06/200	06	P		280	A	\$37.69	337,110	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnote		

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)						5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
l									Code	v	Amount	( <i>A</i>	A) or O)	Price	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common	Stock			01/0	6/2006			P		5,721		A	\$37.7	3	42,831	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnotes	
Common	Stock			01/00	6/2006	006			P		2,200		A	\$37.71	3	45,031	<b>I</b> <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	See footnotes
Common Stock 01/0			01/0	6/2006			P		721		A	\$37.72	345,752		<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnotes		
Common	Stock			01/00	6/2006			P		1,680		A	\$37.73	347,432		<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnotes	
Common	Stock			01/00	6/2006				P		1,041		A	\$37.74	348,473		<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnotes
Common	Stock			01/0	6/2006				P	P 21,727		7	A	\$37.75	370,200		<b>I</b> <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	See footnotes
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transact Code (In 8)	tion of str. I	on of E		6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye		е	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (I and 4)		Der See (Ins	Price of erivative ecurity istr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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	nd Address of	Reporting Person* Y CORP								,						,		
(Last) 591 RED	WOOD HI	(First) GHWAY, SUITE	(Midd	dle)		-												
(Street)	ALLEY	CA	9494	41		-												
(City)		(State)	(Zip)															
		Reporting Person* ST OBERNE	OORF T	RUST	<u>Γ</u>													
(Last) 591 RED		(First) GHWAY, SUIT	(Midd E 3215	dle)														
	WOOD HI					-												

1. Name and Address of Reporting  $\mathsf{Person}^{^\star}$ WILLIAM & SUSAN OBERNDORF TRUST

(State)

**OBERNDORF FAMILY PARTNERS** 

(First)

 $591\ REDWOOD\ HIGHWAY$  , SUITE 3215

CA

(Middle)

94941

(Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

(Last)

(Street)

(City)

MILL VALLEY

(Last)	(First)	(Middle)								
591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215										
(Street)										
MILL VALLEY	CA	94941								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)								
Name and Address of Reporting Person*										
<b>OBERNDORF</b>	WILLIAM E									
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)								
591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215										
(Street)										
MILL VALLEY	CA	94941								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)								

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 7,648,600 shares of the issuer's common stock are owned directly by SPO Partners II, L.P. ("SPO Partners"), and may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by (i) SPO Advisory Partners, L.P. ("SPO Advisory"), the sole general partner of SPO Partners, (ii) SPO Advisory Corp. ("SPO Corp."), the sole general partner of SPO Advisory, and (iii) John H. Scully ("JHS"), William E. Oberndorf ("WEO") and William J. Patterson ("WJP"), the three controlling persons of SPO Corp. 309,400 shares of the issuer's common stock are owned directly by San Francisco Partners II, L.P. ("SF Partners"), and may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by (i) SF Advisory Partners, L.P. ("SF Advisory"), the sole general partner of SF Partners, (ii) SPO Corp., the sole general partner of SF Advisory, and (iii) JHS, WEO and WJP, the three controlling persons of SPO Corp.
- 2. Additionally, separate from the entities listed above, and as a result of the purchases causing this filing, (i) 293,500 shares of the issuer's common stock may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by WEO solely in his capacity as a trustee for the William and Susan Oberndorf Trust, dated 10/15/98 ("Oberndorf Trust"), (ii) 67,300 shares may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by WEO solely in his capacity as trustee for the Oberndorf Trust, the sole general partner of Oberndorf Family Partners, a family partnership and (iii) 33,650 shares of the issuer's common stock may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by WEO solely in his capacity as a trustee for a trust for the benefit of himself and his wife.

#### Remarks:

Form 1 of 2. The persons listed in Note (1) above (each a "Reporting Person") may be deemed to form a "group", as such term is defined in Rule 13d-5(b)(1) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, for purposes of this filing. This filing shall not be deemed as an admission by any Reporting Person that such person is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise, the beneficial owner of any equity securities covered by this statement. Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of such person's pecuniary interest, if any, therein.

### Kim M. Silva, Attorney-in-Fact 01/10/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

- \* 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).

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