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### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address <u>SPO ADVISO</u>		)* 	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CABOT CORP</u> [ CBT ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner
(Last) 591 REDWOOD I	(First) HIGHWAY, SUIT	(Middle) TE 3215	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/08/2008	Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)
(Street) MILL VALLEY (City)	CA (State)	94941 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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)		4. Securities Disposed Of	Acquired (D) (Instr	l (A) or . 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		100	A	\$31.25	9,910,400	I(1)(2)(3)	See footnotes
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		100	A	\$31.26	9,910,500	Ι	See footnotes
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		100	A	\$31.28	9,910,600	Ι	See footnotes
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		200	A	\$31.29	9,910,800	Ι	See footnotes
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		100	A	\$31.3	9,910,900	Ι	See footnotes
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		100	A	\$31.31	9,911,000	Ι	See footnotes
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		100	A	\$31.32	9,911,100	Ι	See footnotes
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		100	A	\$31.33	9,911,200	Ι	See footnote
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		2,000	A	\$31.51	9,913,200	Ι	See footnotes
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		2,100	A	\$31.52	9,915,300	Ι	See footnote
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		1,300	A	\$31.53	9,916,600	Ι	See footnotes
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		5,100	A	\$31.5396	9,921,700	Ι	See footnotes
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		2,500	A	\$31.54	9,924,200	Ι	See footnotes
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		2,000	A	\$31.55	9,926,200	Ι	See footnotes
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		1,400	A	\$31.56	9,927,600	I	See footnote
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		800	A	\$31.57	9,928,400	I	See footnotes
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		600	A	\$31.58	9,929,000	I	See footnote
Common Stock	01/08/2008		Р		400	A	\$31.59	9,929,400	I	See footnotes

		Tabl	le I - N	on-Deriv	vative	Sec	curitie	s Ac	quired	l, Di	sposed of	f, or B	enefici	ally	Owne	ed				
Date			2. Transa Date (Month/D		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			d 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
								Code V Amount		Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Price Tra		action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)			
Common	Stock			01/08/	01/08/2008				Р		600	A	\$31	.6	9,930,000		Ι	See footnotes		
Common	Stock			01/08/	/2008				Р		300	A	\$31.	.61	9,9	930,300	Ι	See footnotes		
Common	Stock			01/08/	/2008				Р		300	A	\$31.	.62	9,9	930,600	Ι	See footnotes		
Common	Stock			01/08/	/2008				Р		100	A	\$31.	.63	9,930,700		Ι	See footnotes		
Common	Stock			01/08/	/2008				Р		500	A	\$31.	.64	9,931,200		Ι	See footnotes		
Common	Stock			01/08/	/2008				Р		300	Α	\$31.	.65	9,9	931,500	Ι	See footnotes		
Common	Stock			01/08/	/2008				Р		900	A	\$31.	.66	9,9	932,400	Ι	See footnotes		
Common	Stock			01/08/	/2008				Р		300	A	\$31.	.67	9,9	932,700	Ι	See footnotes		
Common	Stock			01/08/	/2008				Р		700	A	\$31.	.68	9,9	933,400	Ι	See footnotes		
Common	Stock			01/08/	1/08/2008				Р		300	A	\$31.	.69	9,933,700		9,933,700 I		Ι	See footnotes
Common	Stock			01/08/	/2008				Р		400	A	\$31	.7	9,934,100		Ι	See footnotes		
Common	Stock			01/08/	/2008				Р		200	A	\$31.	.71	9,934,300		Ι	See footnotes		
		Та	able II ·								osed of, o convertibl				wned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any	med on Date, Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (I 8)		of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) of Dispo of (D)	5. Number of Derivative Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			ıte 'ear)	Amount of De Securities Se		Deri	rice of vative urity tr. 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)		
													Amount or	1						
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Number of Shares							
	nd Address of	Reporting Person <sup>*</sup>									I									
(Last) 591 RED	DWOOD HI	(First) GHWAY, SUITH		ddle)		_														
(Street) MILL VALLEY CA 94941					_															
(City) (State) (Zip)																				
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SPO ADVISORY PARTNERS LP</u>																				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215																				
(Street) MILL V	ALLEY	CA	94	941																
(City)		(State)	(Zij	)																
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> SPO PARTNERS II LP										
(Last) 591 REDWOOD H	(First) IGHWAY, SUITE 32	(Middle) 115								
(Street) MILL VALLEY	СА	94941								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)								
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> Elizabeth R. & William J. Patterson Foundation										
(Last) 591 REDWOOD H SUITE 3215	(First) IGHWAY	(Middle)								
(Street) MILL VALLEY	СА	94941								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)								
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> SCULLY JOHN H										
(Last) 591 REDWOOD H	(First) IGHWAY, SUITE 32	(Middle) 115								
(Street) MILL VALLEY	СА	94941								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)								
1. Name and Address o										
(Last) 591 REDWOOD H	(First) IGHWAY, SUITE 32	(Middle) 115								
(Street) MILL VALLEY	СА	94941								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)								
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>PATTERSON WILLIAM J</u>										
(Last) 591 REDWOOD H	(First) IGHWAY, SUITE 32	(Middle) 115								
(Street) MILL VALLEY	СА	94941								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)								

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. The entities directly acquiring the shares reported on this form are SPO Partners II, L.P. ("SPO Partners"), which bought 82,600 shares, and the Elizabeth R. & William J. Patterson Foundation ("WJPFND"), which bought 2,200 shares.

2. Due to the purchases causing this filing and related filings today, 9,568,800 shares are owned directly by 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. 415,600 shares are owned directly by San Francisco Partners, 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) John H. Scully ("JHS"), William E. Oberndorf ("WEO") and William J. Patterson ("WJP"), the three controlling persons of SPO Corp. 415,600 shares are owned directly by San Francisco Partners, L.P. ("SF Advisory"), the sole general partner of SF Advisory," he sole general partner of SF Advisory, and (iii) JHS, WEO and WJP, the three controlling persons of SPO Corp. These shares are represented in the running total in Column 5 above, which does not include 19,400 shares held by WJPFND.

3. Additionally, (i) 333,650 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 the William and Susan Oberndorf Trust, dated 10/15/98 ("Oberndorf Trust"), (ii) 100,000 shares may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by WEO solely in his capacity as general partner of Oberndorf Family Partners, a California limited partnership, (iii) WEO owns 109,000 shares in his IRA, which is self-directed, and (iv) 10,000 shares may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by WEO solely in his capacity as trustee for the accounts of his two children, Peter C. Oberndorf & William Ernst Oberndorf.

#### Remarks:

Form 2 of 5. The persons listed in Note (1) and Note (2) 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.

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).

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