### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|  | dress of Reporting F |       | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CABOT CORP</u> [ CBT ] | (Check                 | ationship of Reporting Per<br>< all applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title       | rson(s) to Issuer<br>10% Owner<br>Other (specify |
|--|----------------------|-------|--|------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>C/O CABOT CORPORATION<br>TWO SEAPORT LANE, SUITE 1300 |                      |       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>05/12/2005               |                        | below)<br>Vice Presi   | below)   |
| (Street)<br>BOSTON   | MA                   | 02210 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                     | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X | vidual or Joint/Group Filin<br>Form filed by One Rep<br>Form filed by More tha<br>Person | porting Person                                   |
| (City)   | (State)              | (Zip) |  |                        |  |  |

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | e of Security (Instr. 3)<br>2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>2. Transaction<br>Execution Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>2. Transaction<br>Execution Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  |      | action<br>(Instr. | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and<br>5) |               |         | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                              |
|---------------------------------|--|--|------|-------------------|---|---------------|---------|---|---|--|
|                                 |  |  | Code | v                 | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (Instr. 4)   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/12/2005   |  | F    |                   | 673   | D             | \$28.88 | 60,735  | D   |  |
| Common Stock                    |  |  |      |                   |   |               |         | 1,537.12  |   | Through the<br>Trustee for<br>the<br>Corporation's<br>Retirement<br>Savings Plan |

#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

|   |   |  | ( )   |                              | <u> </u> | ,   |     | · •                 | ,   |        |   |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|----------|-----|-----|---------------------|---|--------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |          |     |     | ate                 | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Securities<br>Underlying Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3 and<br>4) |        | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v        | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date  | Title  | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares                    |  |  |  |  |
| Series B<br>ESOP<br>Convertible<br>Preferred<br>Stock | (1)   |  |   |                              |          |     |     | (2)                 | (2)   | Common | 4,052.13  |  | 27.68  | I  | Through the<br>Trustee for<br>the<br>Corporation's<br>Retirement<br>Savings Plan |

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. Each share is convertible into 146.4 shares of the Corporation's common stock.

2. Under the Retirement Savings Plan, the Corporation allocates Series B ESOP Convertible Preferred Stock to each participant's account on a quarterly basis. Subject to certain terms and conditions of the Retirement Savings Plan, participants may elect to receive distributions of their vested account balance in the form of shares of the Corporation's common stock or cash. Generally, a participant is 20% vested in his account after 2 years of service; and 100% vested after 3 years of service; and 100% vested after 5 years of service.

Remarks:

| Michaela Allbee, pursuant to a |
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| Power of Attorney from         |

Eduardo Cordeiro

05/13/2005

\*\* 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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