FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| | | | or Section So(ii) or the investment Company Act of 1940 | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| 1. Name and Address SPO ADVISO | s of Reporting Persor | 1* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CABOT CORP [CBT] | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director |
| (Last) 591 REDWOOD | (First) HIGHWAY, SUIT | (Middle) FE 3215 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2007 | 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 |

| MILL VALLEY CA | | 94941 | | | | | | | | X | Form filed by On Form filed by Mo Person | | |
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| 4 Title of Consults (forter | | Table I - No | _ | | Securities Acq | | , Dis _l | oosed of, 4. Securities | | | 1 | C Ourrenahin | 7 Noture |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yea | | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. | | Disposed Of | (D) (Instr | . 3, 4 and | 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 | | | 12/20/2 | :007 | | P | | 3,600 | A | \$33 | 9,377,177 | I(1)(2)(3) | See footnotes |
| Common Stock | | | 12/20/2 | :007 | | P | | 1,100 | A | \$33.01 | 9,378,277 | I | See footnotes |
| Common Stock | | | 12/20/2 | .007 | | P | | 1,400 | A | \$33.02 | 9,379,677 | I | See footnotes |
| Common Stock | | | 12/20/2 | .007 | | P | | 400 | A | \$33.03 | 9,380,077 | I | See footnotes |
| Common Stock | | | 12/20/2 | :007 | | P | | 1,100 | A | \$33.04 | 9,381,177 | I | See footnotes |
| Common Stock | | | 12/20/2 | 2007 | | P | | 1,300 | A | \$33.05 | 9,382,477 | I | See footnote |
| Common Stock | | | 12/20/2 | :007 | | P | | 1,500 | A | \$33.06 | 9,383,977 | I | See footnote |
| Common Stock | | | 12/20/2 | 007 | | P | | 1,900 | A | \$33.07 | 9,385,877 | I | See footnotes |
| Common Stock | | | 12/20/2 | 007 | | P | | 1,800 | A | \$33.08 | 9,387,677 | I | See footnotes |
| Common Stock | | | 12/20/2 | 007 | | P | | 2,700 | A | \$33.09 | 9,390,377 | I | See footnote |
| Common Stock | | | 12/20/2 | .007 | | P | | 25,900 | A | \$33.1 | 9,416,277 | I | See footnote |
| Common Stock | | | 12/20/2 | 007 | | P | | 1,423 | A | \$33.11 | 9,417,700 | I | See footnotes |
| Common Stock | | | 12/20/2 | 007 | | P | | 2,000 | A | \$33.12 | 9,419,700 | I | See footnote |
| Common Stock | | | 12/20/2 | 007 | | P | | 1,100 | A | \$33.13 | 9,420,800 | I | See footnote |
| Common Stock | | | 12/20/2 | :007 | | P | | 2,000 | A | \$33.14 | 9,422,800 | I | See footnote |
| Common Stock | | | 12/20/2 | .007 | | P | | 2,500 | A | \$33.15 | 9,425,300 | I | See footnote |
| Common Stock | | | 12/20/2 | .007 | | P | | 1,800 | A | \$33.16 | 9,427,100 | I | See footnotes |
| Common Stock | | | 12/20/2 | .007 | | P | | 1,800 | A | \$33.17 | 9,428,900 | I | See footnote |

| | | Tab | le I - No | n-Deri | vative S | Securiti | ies Ac | quired, | Dis | posed o | f, or | Ben | eficially | Owne | ed | | |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | | 2. Trans Date (Month/ | action Day/Year) | if any | med on Date, Day/Year | Code (Instr. | | 5) | | | | and 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 (C | A) or D) | Price | Transa | action(s) 3 and 4) | | |
| Common | Stock | | | 12/20 | 0/2007 | | | P | | 1,700 | 1,700 A | | \$33.18 | 9,430,600 | | I | See footnotes |
| Common | Stock | | | 12/20 | 0/2007 | | | P | | 1,100 | | A | \$33.19 | 9,4 | 131,700 | I | See footnotes |
| Common | Stock | | | 12/20 | 20/2007 | | | P | | 1,500 | | A | \$33.2 | 9,4 | 133,200 | I | See footnotes |
| Common | Stock | | | 12/20 | 0/2007 | | | P | | 800 | | A | \$33.21 | 9,4 | 134,000 | I | See footnotes |
| Common | Stock | | | 12/20 | 0/2007 | | | P | | 1,100 | | A | \$33.22 | 9,4 | 135,100 | I | See footnotes |
| Common | Stock | | | 12/20 | 0/2007 | | | P | | 600 | | A | \$33.23 | 9,4 | 135,700 | I | See footnotes |
| Common | Stock | | | 12/20 | 0/2007 | | | P | | 1,300 | | A | \$33.24 | 9,4 | 137,000 | I | See footnotes |
| Common | Stock | | | 12/20 | 0/2007 | | | P | | 1,100 | 00 A \$3. | | \$33.25 | 9,438,100 | | I | See footnotes |
| Common | Stock | | | 12/20/2007 | | | | P | | 900 | | A \$33 | | 9,439,000 | | I | See footnotes |
| Common Stock | | | | | 12/20/2007 | | | | | 200 | 200 A \$ | | \$33.27 | 9,439,200 | | I | See footnotes |
| Common Stock | | | | | 12/20/2007 | | | | | 1,300 A S | | \$33.28 | 9,440,500 | | I | See footnotes | |
| Common Stock 12/20/2007 | | | | | | | | P | | | \$33.29 | | | I | 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. Deem Execution if any (Month/D | ned n Date, | 4. Transacti Code (Ins 8) | 5. No of Der Sec Acc (A) Dis of (I | lumber ivative curities quired or posed D) | - | xercis | cisable and 7. Title and ate Amount of | | Derivative Security (Instr. 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) | |
| | | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | or Nui of | ount mber ares | | | | |
| | nd Address of | Reporting Person* Y CORP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) MILL VALLEY CA 9494 | | | 41 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Reporting Person* Y PARTNER | S LP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SPO PARTNERS II LP | | | | | | | | | | |
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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Elizabeth R. & William J. Patterson Foundation | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Last) 591 REDWOOD H SUITE 3215 | (First) IGHWAY | (Middle) | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) MILL VALLEY | CA | 94941 | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SCULLY JOHN H | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Last) 591 REDWOOD H | (First) IGHWAY, SUITE 32 | (Middle) 215 | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) MILL VALLEY | CA | 94941 | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address of OBERNDORF | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Last) 591 REDWOOD H | (First) IGHWAY, SUITE 32 | (Middle) | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) MILL VALLEY | CA | 94941 | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PATTERSON WILLIAM J | | | | | | | | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The entities directly acquiring the shares reported on this form are SPO Partners II, L.P. ("SPO Partners"), which bought 169,800 shares, and the Elizabeth R. & William J. Patterson Foundation ("WJPFND"), which bought 2,600 shares.
- 2. Due to the purchases causing this filing and related filings today, 9,030,000 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) 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 7,600 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.

Form 3 of 4. 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).
- ** 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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