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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  FLACK CAROL                      |   |  |   |          |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CABOT CORP [ CBT ] |                   |   |  |   |                    |   |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Per<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director |  |   |   | % Owner  |  |
|--|---|--|---|----------|--|--|-------------------|---|--|---|--------------------|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CABOT CORPORATION TWO SEAPORT LANE, SUITE 1300 |   |  |   |          |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/02/2004    |                   |   |  |   |                    |   |   | X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Vice President            |  |   |   |  |  |
| (Street) BOSTON MA 02210  (City) (State) (Zip)                             |   |  |   | 4. 11    | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |                   |   |  |   |                    |   | G. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |   |   |  |  |
|  | `   |  |   | Non-Deri | vative   | e Sec  | uritie            | es A                                    | cquire   | ed, D   | isposed            | of, or B  | eneficia  | Illy Owne  | d  |   |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y          |   |  |   | tion     | 2A. D<br>Execu   | eemed<br>Ition Date,<br>h/Day/Year)                            |                   | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |  | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                    | (A) or  | Beneficially<br>Owned Followin  |  | 6. Ownersl<br>Form: Dire<br>(D) or Indir<br>(I) (Instr. 4)   |   | ect Indirect<br>rect Beneficial<br>Ownership                |  |  |
|  |   |  |   |          |  |  |                   |   | Code   | v   | Amount             | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price   | Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 3 and                               | n(s)<br>I 4)   |   |   | (Instr. 4)   |  |
| Common Stock 08/02/200   |   |  |   | 004      | 04   |  | A                 |   | 20,000   | A   | \$10.02            | 22,000  |   | D  |  |   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock   |   |  |   |          |  |  |                   |   |  |   |                    | 3.7   |   | I  |  | Through the Trustee for the Corporation's Retirement Savings Plan |   |  |  |
|  |   | 7  | able  |          |  |  |                   |   |  |   | sposed of          |   |   | y Owned  |  |   |   |  |  |
| 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)                             |  | 5. Number tion of |   | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   |                    | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 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>Owners<br>Form:<br>Direct (<br>or Indir<br>(I) (Inst | Beneficial Ownership ect (Instr. 4)                              |  |
|  |   |  |   |          | Code   | ode V  |                   | (D)                                     | Date<br>Exercisable  |   | Expiration<br>Date | Amount or Number of Shares  |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |
| Series B<br>ESOP<br>Convertible<br>Preferred                               | (1)   |  |   |          |  |  |                   |   | (2)  |   | (2)                | Common  | 425.22  |  | 2  | 2.9   | I   | Through the<br>Trustee for<br>the<br>Corporation's<br>Retirement |  |

## **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 with the Corporation, 40% vested after 3 years of service, 60% vested after 4 years of service and 100% vested after 5 years of service.

## Remarks:

Jane A. Bell, pursuant to a

Power of Attorney from Carol 08/04/2004

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\*\* 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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