FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

Director

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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(Last) (First) (Midd 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 32	•	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2005							below)	below	(Specify		
(Street)  MILL VALLEY CA 9494  (City) (State) (Zip)	ļ1	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-Deriva	tive S	Securities Acq	uired,	Dis	posed of, o	or Ben	eficially	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transac Date (Month/Da		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		ansaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 7)			(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)		(111501.4)		
Common Stock	12/20/2	2005		P		600	A	\$35.32	600	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnotes		
Common Stock	12/20/2	2005		P		100	A	\$35.34	700	I <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	See footnotes		
Common Stock	12/20/2	2005		P		1,000	A	\$35.35	1,700	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnotes		
Common Stock	12/20/2	2005		P		1,400	A	\$35.36	3,100	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnotes		
Common Stock	12/20/2	2005		P		3,000	A	\$35.37	6,100	I <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	See footnotes		
Common Stock	12/20/2	2005		P		200	A	\$35.38	6,300	I(1)(2)	See footnotes		
Common Stock	12/20/2	2005		P		500	A	\$35.39	6,800	I(1)(2)	See footnotes		
Common Stock	12/20/2	2005		P		3,900	A	\$35.4	10,700	I <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	See footnotes		
Common Stock	12/20/2	2005		P		14,400	A	\$35.41	25,100	I(1)(2)	See footnotes		
Common Stock	12/20/2	2005		P		300	A	\$35.42	25,400	I(1)(2)	See footnotes		
Common Stock	12/20/2	2005		P		6,100	A	\$35.45	31,500	I <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	See footnotes		
Common Stock	12/20/2	2005		P		3,600	A	\$35.46	35,100	I(1)(2)	See footnotes		
Common Stock	12/20/2	2005		P		1,500	A	\$35.47	36,600	I(1)(2)	See footnotes		
Common Stock	12/20/2	2005		P		4,600	A	\$35.48	41,200	I(1)(2)	See footnotes		
Common Stock	12/20/2	2005		P		8,300	A	\$35.49	49,500	I(1)(2)	See footnotes		
Common Stock	12/20/2	2005		P		50,500	A	\$35.5	100,000	I(1)(2)	See footnotes		
Common Stock	12/21/2	2005		P		200	A	\$35.47	100,200	I(1)(2)	See footnotes		
Common Stock	12/21/2	2005		P		50	A	\$35.48	100,250	I(1)(2)	See footnotes		

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		)   E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)								6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
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Common	Stock			12/21/2005					P		150		A	\$35.49	19	100,400	I(1)(2)	See footnotes
Common	Stock		12/21/2005					P		42,650 A		\$35.	5 :	143,050	I <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	See footnotes		
Common	Stock	tock 12/21/2005					P		200 A		A	\$35.4	17	143,250	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnotes		
Common	Stock			12/2	12/21/2005				P		50		A	\$35.4	18	143,300	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnotes
Common	Stock			12/2	1/2005				P		150		A	\$35.4	19	143,450	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnotes
Common	Stock			12/2	1/2005				P		42,650	0	A	\$35.	5 :	186,100	<b>I</b> (1)(2)	See footnotes
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Derivative Conversion Date Ex. Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if a		3A. Deen Executio if any (Month/D	n Date,		ransaction ode (Instr.		on of E		xercis on Dato ∂ay/Ye		7. Title an Amount of Securities Underlyin Derivative Security ( and 4)			3. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5)		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownershi (Instr. 4)	
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(Street) MILL V	ALLEY	CA	949	41														
(City)		(State)	(Zip)	)		_												
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(Street)	ALLEY	CA	949	41		_												
(City)		(State)	(Zip)	)		_												

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

(Last)

(Street)

(City)

MILL VALLEY

**OBERNDORF FAMILY PARTNERS** 

(First)

 $591\ REDWOOD\ HIGHWAY$  , SUITE 3215

CA

(State)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*
OBERNDORF WILLIAM E

(Middle)

94941

(Zip)

(Last) 591 REDWOOD I	(First) HIGHWAY, SUITE 3	(Middle)
(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 (iiii) JHS, WEO and WJP, the three controlling persons of SPO Corp.

2. Additionally, (i) 143,050 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"), and (ii) 43,050 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.

## Remarks:

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 12/22/2005

\*\* 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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