FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\* **SPO ADVISORY CORP** 

(Last)

(First)

591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215

(Middle)

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

					or S	ecti	ion 30(h)	of the I	nvestmer	nt Cor	npany Act	of 194	40						
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  SPO ADVISORY CORP					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  CABOT CORP [ CBT ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director X 10% Owner  Officer (give title Other (specify below)						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2007															
(Street) MILL VA	ALLEY CA	A	94941		4. If <i>i</i>	Ame	endment,	, Date o	f Original	Filed	(Month/Da	ay/Ye	ar)		ne) <b>Y</b>	Form	filed by One	Filing (Check A Reporting Pers e than One Rep	son
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1. Title of S	Security (Inst	tr. 3)		2. Transa Date (Month/D		,	2A. Deem Execution if any (Month/D	n Date,	3. Transa Code ( 8)		4. Securit Disposed 5)				nd S B C	ecurit Benefic	cially Following	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	т	ransa	ction(s) 3 and 4)		(111341. 4)
Common	Stock			12/20	/2007				P		1,100		A	\$33	3.3	9,4	42,600	<b>I</b> (1)(2)(3)	See footnotes
Common	Stock			12/20	/2007				P		800		A	\$33	.31	9,4	43,400	I	See footnotes
Common	Stock			12/20	/2007				P		100		A	\$33	.32	9,4	43,500	I	See footnotes
Common	Stock			12/20	/2007				P		100		A	\$33	.33	9,4	43,600	I	See footnotes
Common	Stock			12/20	/2007				P		100		A	\$33	.34	9,4	43,700	I	See footnotes
Common	Stock			12/20	/2007				P		200		A	\$33	.35	9,4	43,900	I	See footnotes
Common	Stock			12/20	/2007				P		100		A	\$33	.36	9,4	44,000	I	See footnotes
Common	Stock			12/20	/2007				P		800		A	\$33	.37	9,4	44,800	I	See footnotes
Common	Stock			12/20	/2007				P		400		A	\$33	.38	9,4	45,200	I	See footnotes
Common	Stock			12/20	/2007				P		300		A	\$33	.39	9,4	45,500	I	See footnotes
Common	Stock			12/20	/2007				P		100		A	\$33	3.4	9,4	45,600	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) (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)		ed n Date,	4. Transac Code (li 8)	tior	5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) of Dispo of (D) (Instr	of I		6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)			8. Price Deriva Securi (Instr. !	rative de rity Se	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)		
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(Last) 591 REDWOOD H	(First) HIGHWAY, SUITE 32	(Middle) 215
(Street) MILL VALLEY	CA	94941
(City)  1. Name and Address of SPO PARTNEF	of Reporting Person*	(Zip)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
591 REDWOOD H	HIGHWAY, SUITE 32	215
(Street)		
MILL VALLEY	CA	94941
(City)	(State)	(Zip)
1. Name and Address of Elizabeth R. &	of Reporting Person*  William J. Patter	son Foundation
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
591 REDWOOD H SUITE 3215	IIGHWAY	
(Street)		
(Street) MILL VALLEY	CA	94941
(City)	(State)	(Zip)
1. Name and Address of SCULLY JOHN	· -	
(Last) 591 REDWOOD H	(First)	` ′
(Street)		
MILL VALLEY	CA	94941
(City)	(State)	(Zip)
1. Name and Address of OBERNDORF		
(Last) 591 REDWOOD H	(First) HIGHWAY, SUITE 32	` ′
(Street) MILL VALLEY	CA	94941
(City)	(State)	(Zip)
1. Name and Address of PATTERSON V		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
591 REDWOOD H	IIGHWAY, SUITE 32	215
(Street) MILL VALLEY	CA	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 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.

## Remarks:

Form 4 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.

Kim M. Silva, Attorney-in-Fact 12/21/2007

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Dat

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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