

OBERNDORF FAMILY PARTNERS
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CABOT CORP [CBT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/20/2005

___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner
 ___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY,
 SUITE 3215

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date 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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	12/20/2005		P	600 A \$ 35.32	600	I (1) (2)	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/20/2005		P	100 A \$ 35.34	700	I (1) (2)	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/20/2005		P	1,000 A \$ 35.35	1,700	I (1) (2)	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/20/2005		P	1,400 A \$ 35.36	3,100	I (1) (2)	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/20/2005		P	3,000 A \$ 35.37	6,100	I (1) (2)	See footnotes

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Common Stock	12/20/2005	P	200	A	\$ 35.38	6,300	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/20/2005	P	500	A	\$ 35.39	6,800	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/20/2005	P	3,900	A	\$ 35.4	10,700	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/20/2005	P	14,400	A	\$ 35.41	25,100	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/20/2005	P	300	A	\$ 35.42	25,400	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/20/2005	P	6,100	A	\$ 35.45	31,500	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/20/2005	P	3,600	A	\$ 35.46	35,100	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/20/2005	P	1,500	A	\$ 35.47	36,600	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/20/2005	P	4,600	A	\$ 35.48	41,200	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/20/2005	P	8,300	A	\$ 35.49	49,500	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/20/2005	P	50,500	A	\$ 35.5	100,000	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/21/2005	P	200	A	\$ 35.47	100,200	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/21/2005	P	50	A	\$ 35.48	100,250	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/21/2005	P	150	A	\$ 35.49	100,400	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/21/2005	P	42,650	A	\$ 35.5	143,050	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/21/2005	P	200	A	\$ 35.47	143,250	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/21/2005	P	50	A	\$ 35.48	143,300	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/21/2005	P	150	A	\$ 35.49	143,450	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes
Common Stock	12/21/2005	P	42,650	A	\$ 35.5	186,100	I <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	See footnotes

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPO ADVISORY CORP 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941		X		
WILLIAM ERNST OBERNDORF TRUST 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941		X		
OBERNDORF FAMILY PARTNERS 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941		X		
OBERNDORF WILLIAM E 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941		X		

Signatures

Kim M. Silva,
Attorney-in-Fact 12/22/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- 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 (iii) JHS, WEO and WJP, the three controlling persons of SPO Corp.
- (1) 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.
- (2)

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

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