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CABOT MICROELECTRONICS CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 15, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported):  
December 10, 2004

Cabot Microelectronics Corporation  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	000-30205	36-4324765
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification)

870 Commons Drive, Aurora, Illinois 60504  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(630) 375-6631  
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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable  
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 5.02                   Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of  
Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

(b) On December 10, 2004, J. Joseph King resigned as a member of the Company's board of directors effective on such date. As a result, the Company's board of directors has been reduced in size from seven to six directors.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CABOT MICROELECTRONICS CORPORATION

Date: December 14, 2004

By: /s/ H. CAROL BERNSTEIN

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H. Carol Bernstein  
Vice President, Secretary and  
General Counsel