

SHAW JOHN A  
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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 \*  
SHAW JOHN A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CABOT CORPORATION, TWO SEAPORT LANE, SUITE 1300

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02210

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/22/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President, CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
Common Stock	12/22/2005		G	V 1,000 D \$ 0	91,704	D	
Common stock					705.14	I	Through the Trustee for the Corporation's Retirement Savings Plan.

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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Series B ESOP Convertible Preferred Stock	(1)					(2) (2)	Common	2,894.41

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHAW JOHN A C/O CABOT CORPORATION TWO SEAPORT LANE, SUITE 1300 BOSTON, MA 02210			Executive Vice President, CFO	

## Signatures

Michaela Allbee, pursuant to a Power of Attorney from John Shaw  
 12/29/2005  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Each share is convertible into 146.3782 shares of the Corporation's common stock.

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.

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