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| Form 4<br>December 20   | 6 2007                                  |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |                  |  |  |
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|   | • • UNITED S                            |   | CURITIES A Washington  |   |  | NGE C   | COMMISSION   | OMB<br>Number:  | 3235-0287        |  |  |
| Section 16.<br>Form 4 or<br>Form 5<br>Filed pursuant to Sec           |   |   | CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF<br>SECURITIES<br>ection 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, |   |  |   |  | Expires:<br>Estimated a<br>burden hou<br>response             | irs per          |  |  |
| may cont<br><i>See</i> Instru<br>1(b).                                | tinue. Section 17(a                     |   | e Investmen  | •   | -  | •   | 1935 or Sectio   | n   |                  |  |  |
| (Print or Type I  | Responses)                              |   |  |   |  |   |  |   |                  |  |  |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u><br>SPO ADVISORY CORP |   |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>CABOT CORP [CBT]                                |   |  |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer                        |   |                  |  |  |
| (Last)  | (First) (M                              | liddle) 3. D  | te of Earliest T   | ransaction                                |  |   | (Chec  | k all applicable  | e)               |  |  |
| 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY,<br>SUITE 3215,                                   |   |   | (Month/Day/Year)<br>12/21/2007   |   |  |   | Director     10% Owner       Officer (give title     Other (specify below) |   |                  |  |  |
|   |   |   | Amendment, D<br>(Month/Day/Yea   | nendment, Date Original<br>onth/Day/Year) |  |   |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check<br>Applicable Line) |                  |  |  |
| MILL VAL  | LEY, CA 94941                           |   |  |   |  |   | Form filed by C<br>_X_ Form filed by M<br>Person                           |   |                  |  |  |
| (City)  | (State) (                               | Zip)  | Table I - Non-   | Derivative                                | Secu   | rities Acq  | uired, Disposed of   | f, or Beneficial  | lly Owned        |  |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                  | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Y | n Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)<br>Day/Year) (Instr. 8)<br>(A)  |   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s) | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)          |   |                  |  |  |
|   |   |   | Code V   | Amount                                    | or<br>(D)  | Price   | (Instr. 3 and 4)   |   |                  |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock   | 12/24/2007                              |   | Р  | 800                                       | А  | \$<br>33.48   | 9,487,800  | I (1) (2) (3)   | See<br>footnotes |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock   | 12/24/2007                              |   | Р  | 500                                       | А  | \$<br>33.49   | 9,488,300  | Ι   | See<br>footnotes |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock   | 12/24/2007                              |   | Р  | 2,400                                     | А  | \$ 33.5   | 9,490,700  | I   | See<br>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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5.<br>orNumber<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | ;                   | Date               | 7. Titl<br>Amou<br>Under<br>Securi<br>(Instr. | unt of<br>rlying                       | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>Bene<br>Owne<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|---|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|---|--|
|   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| reporting of the Function  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |
| SPO ADVISORY CORP<br>591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215<br>MILL VALLEY, CA 94941                                |               | Х         |         |       |  |  |
| SPO ADVISORY PARTNERS LP<br>591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215<br>MILL VALLEY, CA 94941                         |               | Х         |         |       |  |  |
| SPO PARTNERS II LP<br>591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215<br>MILL VALLEY, CA 94941                               |               | Х         |         |       |  |  |
| Elizabeth R. & William J. Patterson Foundation<br>591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY<br>SUITE 3215<br>MILL VALLEY, CA 94941 |               | Х         |         |       |  |  |
| SCULLY JOHN H<br>591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215<br>MILL VALLEY, CA 94941                                    |               | Х         |         |       |  |  |
| OBERNDORF WILLIAM E<br>591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215<br>MILL VALLEY, CA 94941                              |               | Х         |         |       |  |  |
| PATTERSON WILLIAM J<br>591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215<br>MILL VALLEY, CA 94941                              |               | Х         |         |       |  |  |

## Signatures

Kim M. Silva, Attorney-in-Fact

12/26/2007

| 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) The entities directly acquiring the shares reported on this form are SPO Partners II, L.P. ("SPO Partners"), which bought 45,100 shares, and the Elizabeth R. & William J. Patterson Foundation ("WJPFND"), which bought 500 shares.

(2) 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 8,100 shares held by WJPFND.

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

(3) 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:**

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The persons listed in Note (1) and Note (2) above (each a "Reporting Person") may be deemed to form a "group", as such terr

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