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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>BURNES KENNETT F</b><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>C/O CABOT CORPORATION</b><br><b>TWO SEAPORT LANE, SUITE 1300</b><br><br>(Street)<br><b>BOSTON MA 02210</b><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>CABOT CORP [ CBT ]</b> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><b>Chairman, CEO and President</b> |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>08/02/2004</b>    |   |
|   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                 | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**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)             |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|---------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/02/2004                           |  | S                              |   | 75,000  | D          | \$38.78 | 568,068   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/02/2004                           |  | A                              |   | 140,000   | A          | \$10.02 | 708,068   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |         | 9,834.24  | I  | Through the Trustee for the Corporation's Retirement Savings Plan |

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)            |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |   |
| Series B ESOP Convertible Preferred Stock  | (1)  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | (2)  | (2)             | Common  | 17,635.26                                  | 120.48   | I   | Through the Trustee for the Corporation's Retirement Savings Plan |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Each share is convertible into 146.4 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.

**Remarks:**

Jane A. Bell, pursuant to a Power of Attorney from Kennett 08/04/2004 Burnes

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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