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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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): September 2, 2004

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 1-5667 (Commission File Number) TWO SEAPORT LANE, SUITE 1300, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02210-2019 (617) 345-0100 (Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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Item 2.06 Material Impairments.

On September 2, 2004, authorized officers of Cabot Corporation (the Company) concluded that due to the appointment of Voluntary Administrators by Sons of Gwalia (SGW.AU) under the Australian Corporations Act, the Company expects to record an impairment charge of \$11.5 million for its remaining equity investment in Sons of Gwalia in the fourth quarter ending September 30, 2004. The impairment charge is not expected to result in any future cash expenditures. The Company issued a press release announcing the expected impairment charge on September 2, 2004, a copy of which is filed herewith and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release issued by Cabot Corporation on September 2, 2004

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SIGNATURES

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 CORPORATION

By: /s/ David J. Elliott Name: David J. Elliott

Title: Controller

Date: September 3, 2004

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99.1	Press release issued by Cabot Corporation on September 2, 2004