

CABOT CORP
Form 8-K
November 12, 2015

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 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):

November 11, 2015

Cabot Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-5667

04-2271897

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

Two Seaport Lane, Suite 1300, Boston,
Massachusetts

02210-2019

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

617-345-0100

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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Item 2.05 Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

On November 11, 2015, Cabot Corporation committed to a plan to close its carbon black manufacturing facility in Merak, Indonesia. The decision to close this plant and to consolidate production in Asia using the Company's Cilegon, Indonesia and other Asian and global carbon black production sites to meet regional demand was driven by the financial performance at the Merak facility in the past several years. It is anticipated that manufacturing operations will cease by the end of January 2016.

The Company expects this plant closing will result in a pre-tax charge to earnings of approximately \$33 million, of which approximately \$25 million is for asset write-offs, \$2 million is for severance and employee benefits for approximately 50 employees whose employment will be terminated, and \$6 million is for site remediation and other miscellaneous costs. These pre-tax charges are expected to be recorded during fiscal 2016. Net cash outlays related to these actions are expected to be approximately \$8 million, substantially all of which is expected to be paid during fiscal 2016.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Cabot Corporation Press Release dated November 11, 2015.

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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

November 11, 2015

By: *James P. Kelly*

Name: James P. Kelly

Title: Vice President and Controller

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Cabot Corporation Press Release dated November 11, 2015