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## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Nume and Address of Reporting Ferson   |  |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>SMITH A O CORP</u> [ AOS ] |                        | tionship of Reporting Pe<br>all applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title           | son(s) to Issuer<br>10% Owner<br>Other (specify |  |
|---|--|----------|---|------------------------|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>A. O. SMITH CORPORATION<br>11270 WEST PARK PLACE<br>(Street)<br>MILWAUKEE WI 53224<br>(City) (State) (Zip) |  | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/09/2015                      |                        | below)<br>Senior VP, Strategy  | below)  |  |
|   |  |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                            | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X | ridual or Joint/Group Filir<br>Form filed by One Rep<br>Form filed by More tha<br>Person | porting Person                                  |  |

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | Date | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and<br>5) |  |       | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
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|                                 |      |   | Code                         | v | Amount (A) or<br>(D) Price  |  | Price | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (1150.4)  |

#### 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<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | n of  |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|-------|-----|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy)   | <b>\$</b> 61.53   | 02/09/2015                                 |   | A                            |   | 3,495 |     | (1)  | 02/09/2025         | Common<br>Stock  | 3,495                                  | \$0   | 15,629   | D  |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$61.53   | 02/09/2015                                 |   | A                            |   | 975   |     | (2)  | (2)                | Common<br>Stock  | 975                                    | \$0   | 5,275  | D  |  |

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The employee stock options were granted on 02/09/2015 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The options become exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/09/2016.

2. The restricted stock units were granted on 02/09/2015 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The restricted stock units become payable in Common Stock on the vesting date of 02/09/2018.

#### **Remarks:**

# Karen K. Duke, Attorney-in-

Fact for Charles T. Lauber \*\* Signature of Reporting Person 02/11/2015

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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