FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BROWN RONALD D                         |  |  |                 |  |       | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SMITH A O CORP [ AOS ]            |  |  |      |   |   |   |         |  |   | olicable)   | g Person(s) to I   | ssuer<br>Owner                                      |
|--|--|--|-----------------|--|-------|---|--|--|------|---|---|---|---------|--|---|---|--|---|
| A. O. SMITH CORPORATION  |  |  |                 |  |       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2019                   |  |  |      |   |   |   |         |  | Offic   | er (give title<br>w)  | Other<br>below   | (specify<br>)                                       |
| 11270 WEST PARK PLACE  (Street)  MILWAUKEE WI 53224                              |  |  |                 |  | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                      |  |  |      |   |   |   |         | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |  |   |
| (City)   | (St  | ate) (                                     | Zip)            |  |       |   |  |  |      |   |   |   |         |  | reis  | OII   |  |   |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |  |                 |  |       |   |  |  |      |   |   |   |         |  |   |   |  |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yo               |  |  |                 |  |       | Execution Date,   |  | ·  |      |   |   | Acquired (A) or<br>(D) (Instr. 3, 4 and |         | Secur<br>Benef<br>Owne   |   | icially<br>d Following  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|  |  |  |                 |  |       |   |  |  | Code | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D)                           | Price   |  | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   |  | (Instr. 4)  |
| Common Stock 05/02/201   |  |  |                 |  |       | 19  |  |  | S    |   | 8,000   | D                                       | \$52.45 | 52.4502 <sup>(1)</sup>   |   | 35,896  | D  |   |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |                 |  |       |   |  |  |      |   |   |   |         |  |   |   |  |   |
| Derivative Conversion Date   |  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Execu<br>if any |  |       | action (Instr. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |  | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Date |      |   | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)  Amount or Number of Title Shares |   |         |  | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | 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) |   |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The prices actually received ranged from \$52.14 to \$52.72. The reporting person has provided to the issuer, and will provide to any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range for all transactions reported on this Form 4 utilizing an average weighted price.

## Remarks:

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Ronald D. Brown

05/02/2019

\*\* 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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