## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  ROMOSER W DAVID					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SMITH A O CORP [ AOS ]								heck all app Direc	licable)	ng Per	son(s) to Iss 10% Ov Other (s	vner		
	(Fi		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/11/2005								belov			below)	· ·				
11270 WEST PARK PLACE					4. If a	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street) MILWAUKEE WI 53224												Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person							
(City)	(Si	tate)	(Zip)			Feisun													
		Tab	le I - Non	-Deriv	ative	Se	curities	s Ac	quired, D	ispo	osed c	of, or Be	eneficia	lly Owne	d				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Execution Dat			Code (In:				d Securi	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		n: Direct r Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
								Code	, .	Amount	(A) or (D)		Transa	nsaction(s) tr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)		
	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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		າ of   I		6. Date Exercisable : Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		le and	and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Ow For Dir or I (I) (	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Exp	oiration te	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$29.2	10/11/2005			A		7,000		(1)	10/3	11/2015	Common Stock	7,000	\$0	156,45	50	D		
Phantom Stock	\$29.2	10/11/2005			A		5,700		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	5,700	\$0	5,700		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The employee stock options were granted on 10/11/2005 under the A. O. Smith Combined Executive 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 10/10/2006.
- 2. The phantom stock was granted on 10/11/2005 under the A. O. Smith Combined Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The shares of phantom stock become payable in Common Stock on the vesting date of 10/22/2008.

## Remarks:

W. David Romoser

10/12/2005

\*\* 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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