## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BEDNAR RANDALL S					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SMITH A O CORP [ AOS ]							neck all appli Directo	r		on(s) to Issuer  10% Owner Other (specify		
	(Last) (First) (Middle) A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2016								X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Senior Vice President - CIO				
(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)	(S	tate)	(Zip)														
		Tab	le I - Non	-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	s Ac	quired, D	isposed	of, or Be	neficial	ly Owned	ł			
Date			2. Transa Date (Month/D		Execution Date,			Code (Instr. 5)				Benefici	es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
								Code	Amoun	t (A) o	Price	Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(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. Deemee Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	Amount of		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$63.34	02/08/2016			A		5,445		(1)	02/08/2026	Common Stock	5,445	\$0	66,495		D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$63.34	02/08/2016			A		1,355		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,355	\$0	6,985		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The employee stock options were granted on 02/08/2016 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 02/08/2017.
- 2. The restricted stock units were granted on 02/08/2016 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 02/08/2019.

## Remarks:

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Randall S. Bednar

02/10/2016

\*\* 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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