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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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     STERN JAMES F						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SMITH A O CORP [ AOS ]								eck all appli	,		ner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/25/2017								X Officer (give title Other (special below)  Exec VP, General Counsel & Sec				
(Street) MILWAUKEE WI 53224  (City) (State) (Zip)					_   4. I	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable )  Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tak	ole I - N	on-Deri	ivativ	e Se	curit	ties Ac	quired	, Di	sposed c	f, or Be	neficial	ly Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day					r) Ex	A. Deemed Execution Date, f any Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a			Benefic Owned	es ially Following	Form (D) or	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			Instr. 4)
Common Stock 05/25/20					/2017	)17			М		25,200	A	\$17.46	2 176	5,583		D	
Common Stock 05/25/20					/2017	017			S		25,200	D	\$54.449	94 15:	4 151,383		D	
			Table II								posed of, converti			Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deen Executio if any (Month/D	n Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		e of Securities		ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial 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 Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Employee Stock Options (Right to	\$17.462	05/25/2017			M			25,200	(1)		02/11/2023	Common Stock	25,200	\$0	79,380	)	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The employee stock options were granted on 02/11/2013 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The options became exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/11/2014.

## Remarks:

Wendy L. Grant, Attorney-in-Fact for James F. Stern

05/26/2017

\*\* 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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