FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  STERN JAMES F						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SMITH A O CORP [ AOS ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issu (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owl  V Officer (give title Other (sp			
(Last) (First) (Middle) A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2008									X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Exec VP, General Counsel & Sec				
(Street) MILWAUKEE WI 53224  (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applications)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person												.		
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/Date)					A. Deeme xecution f any Month/Da	Date,	3. Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)			Benefi Owned	ies cially Following	Form (D) or	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code V	,	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transa	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		10	(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. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y	Co	ansaction ode (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		of Securiti		es g Security	Derivativ Security		e s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Co	ode V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Ex Da	piration tte	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$35.64	02/11/2008		I	A		11,200		(1)	02	/11/2018	Common Stock	11,200	\$0	23,20	0	D	
Phantom Stock (Restricted Stock	\$35.64	02/11/2008		I	A		4,700		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	4,700	\$0	9,700	0	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The employee stock options were granted on 02/11/2008 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 02/11/2009.
- 2. The phantom stock was granted on 02/11/2008 under the A. O. Smith Combined 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 02/11/2011.

## Remarks:

James F. Stern

02/12/2008

\*\* 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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