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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Ding Wei</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) A. O. SMITH (CHINA) WATER HEATER CO. LTD 336 YAO XIN AVENUE  (Street) NANJING F3 210038  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SMITH A O CORP [ AOS ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President - A. O. Smith China</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/20/2018</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/20/2018		M		5,630	A	\$30.765	11,483	D	
Common Stock	02/20/2018		M		6,143	A	\$31.67	17,626	D	
Common Stock	02/20/2018		S		11,773	D	\$65.2915 <sup>(1)</sup>	5,853	D	

**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 Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$30.765	02/20/2018		M		5,630		(2)	02/09/2025	Common Stock	5,630	\$0	34,081	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$31.67	02/20/2018		M		6,143		(3)	02/08/2026	Common Stock	6,143	\$0	27,938	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The prices actually received ranged from \$65.07 to \$65.59. 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.
- The employee stock options were granted on 02/09/2015, 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 02/09/2016.
- 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 became exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/08/2017.

**Remarks:**

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Wei Ding 02/20/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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