FORM 4

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Lauber Charles T</u> | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SMITH A O CORP [AOS] | | | | | | | | | heck all appli Direct | or | | son(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify | | |
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| (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 Other (specify below) Senior VP, Strategy & Planning | | | | | |
| (Street) MILWAUKEE WI 53224 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | 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 | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Deriva 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D | | | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | | 3. Transac Code (I | ransaction ode (Instr. 5) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 5) (A) or | | ed (A) or str. 3, 4 ar | 5. Amou Securiti Benefic Owned | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | | n: Direct r Indirect istr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| | | 7 | able II - D | | | | | | uired, D s, option | | | | | | anu 4) | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | 3A. Deemed Execution I if any (Month/Day | Date, | 1. Transaction Code (Instr. 3) | | | | 6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 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) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | c | ode | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | xpiration ate | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | 1 | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$63.34 | 02/08/2016 | | | A | | 4,400 | | (1) | 02 | 2/08/2026 | Common Stock | 4,400 | \$0 | 16,829 |) | D | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$63.34 | 02/08/2016 | | | A | | 1,095 | | (2) | | (2) | Common Stock | 1,095 | \$0 | 4,770 | | 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 Charles T. Lauber

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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