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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| obligations may continue. See |
| Instruction 1(b). |

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | n* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SMITH A O CORP</u> [AOS] | | tionship of Reporting Per all applicable) Director | 10% Owner | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---|------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| | | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2018 | х | Officer (give title below) Chairman and (| Other (specify below) CEO | |
| (Street) MILWAUKEE (City) | WI (State) | 53224 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) X | idual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Rep Form filed by More that Person | orting Person | |

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. Transa Code (8) | | 4. Securities Disposed Of | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1130.4) | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | | S | | 8,200 | D | \$ 64.8358 ⁽¹⁾ | 45,333 | I | Spouse's Revocable Trust | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 301,018 | 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. Transa Code (8) | | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y | 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 | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The prices actually received ranged from \$64.50 to \$65.15. 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. **Remarks:**

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-

02/20/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person

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).

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Fact for Ajita G. Rajendra

Date