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| FORM 4 UNITED STA | | | | TES | TES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 NT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP d pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | | | | | | | | | | | OMB APPROVAL | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Wheeler Kevin J. | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SMITH A O CORP</u> [AOS] | | | | | | | | | applic)irecto | able) r | 10% Ow | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2023 | | | | | | | | | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chairman, President and CEO | | | | | |
| (Street) MILWAUKEE WI 53224 | | | | | 4.1 | Line) X Form file Form file | | | | | | | | | led by One led by Mor | int/Group Filing (Check Applicable ed by One Reporting Person ed by More than One Reporting | | | |
| (City) | (S ⁱ | , | (Zip) | n-Deriv | ativ | e Ser | urities | | quired | Dis | nosed o | of or Be | neficia | | erson | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Deriva 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D | | | | action | ction 2A. Dee Executio | | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, | | ed (A) or | A) or 5. , 4 and 56 Bit D | | nt of s ally following | Form (D) of | : Direct r Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | Code V | | Amount (A) or (D) | | r Price | Reported Transactic (Instr. 3 ar | | ion(s) | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day | Date, | 4. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Expiration (Month/Da | Date | e | of Securities | | Deriv Secu | . Price of lerivative lecurity nstr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | lly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | c | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisat | | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$0.0 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/13/2023 | | | Α | | 36,045 | | (2) | | (2) | Common Stock | 36,045 | 5 \$ | 0 | 79,27: | 5 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, at settlement, one share of Common Stock.

2. The restricted stock units were granted on 02/13/2023 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 02/13/2026.

Remarks:

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Kevin J. Wheeler 02/15/2023

** 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).

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