



## **A. O. Smith Declares Dividend**

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 17-- Directors of A. O. Smith Corporation (NYSE: AOS) (AMEX: SMCA) today declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$.12 per share on Common Stock and Class A Common Stock. The dividend is payable on February 15 to shareholders of record January 31, 2000. SOURCE A.O. Smith Corporation

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