FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(Street)	. O. SMITH CORPORATION 4 VANTAGE WAY  treet) ASHVILLE TN 37228				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SMITH A O CORP [ AOS ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2021  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							(	S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director 10% Owner     X Officer (give title Other (specify below)     SVP - CIO      6. 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-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)				Execution Date,		Code (Instr. 5)		ed Of (D) (In	str. 3, 4 a	and Securiti		es Following (I)		r Indirect Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
							Co	ode V	Amount	(A) (D)	Pric	Troposition(s)		tion(s)			,	
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  (Instr. 3)  3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			Code	ransaction of ode (Instr. Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		Der Sec (Ins	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Securities Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	cisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares	er					
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$60.82	02/08/2021		A		7,065		(	(1)	02/08/2031	Common Stock	7,06	5	\$0	20,275		D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$60.82	02/08/2021		A		1,630		(	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,630	)	\$0	4,200		D	

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The employee stock options were granted on 02/08/2021 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 02/08/2022.
- 2. The restricted stock units were granted on 02/08/2021 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 02/08/2024.

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Stephanie Melissa

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02/10/2021

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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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