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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Carver Samuel M.</u> | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SMITH A O CORP [AOS]</u> | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ SVP - Global Operations | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/07/2024</u> | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 44 VANTAGE WAY | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | |
| (Street) NASHVILLE TN 37228 | | | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|--------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 08/07/2024 | | M | | 5,240 | A | \$30.765 | 7,639 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/07/2024 | | M | | 5,710 | A | \$31.67 | 13,349 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/07/2024 | | M | | 3,755 | A | \$50.16 | 17,104 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/07/2024 | | S | | 14,705 | D | \$81.0028 ⁽¹⁾ | 2,399 | 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 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 | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$30.765 | 08/07/2024 | | M | | 5,240 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 5,240 | \$0 | 0 | D | |
| Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$31.67 | 08/07/2024 | | M | | 5,710 | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 5,710 | \$0 | 0 | D | |
| Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$50.16 | 08/07/2024 | | M | | 3,755 | | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 3,755 | \$0 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The prices actually received ranged from \$80.98 to \$81.11. 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.
- The employee stock options were granted on 02/09/2015 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The options became exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/09/2016.
- 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 became exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/10/2017.
- The employee stock options were granted on 02/13/2017 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The options became exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/13/2018.

Remarks:

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Samuel M. Carver 08/08/2024

** 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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