

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Otchere Benjamin A</u>			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2021		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SMITH A O CORE [AOS]</u>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ <u>Vice President and Controller</u>			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE						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	
(Street)							
MILWAUKEE	WI	53224					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1,906	I	401(k)
Common Stock	1	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	335	49.42	D
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	530	49.39	D
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	370	60.82	D
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(4)	02/12/2028	Common Stock	810	61.76	D
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(5)	02/11/2029	Common Stock	1,525	49.42	D
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(6)	02/10/2030	Common Stock	2,760	42.39	D
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(7)	02/01/2031	Common Stock	1,605	60.82	D

Explanation of Responses:

- The restricted stock units were granted on 02/11/2019 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 02/11/2022.
- The restricted stock units were granted on 02/10/2020 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 02/10/2023.
- 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.
- The employee stock options were granted on 02/12/2018, 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 02/12/2019.
- The employee stock options were granted on 02/11/2019, 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 02/11/2020.
- The employee stock options were granted on 02/10/2020, 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 02/10/2021.
- 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 became exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/08/2022.

Remarks:

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Benjamin A. Otchere

12/03/2021

** 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 5 (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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that, for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned (in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Document (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to the undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Documents with respect to the IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 30th day of November, 2021.
/s/Benjamin A. Otchere