

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Gurholt Helen E.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE (Street) MILWAUKEE WI 53224 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2019	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SMITH A O CORP [AOS]</u>	
		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) Vice President and Controller	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 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

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	1,084	D	
Common Stock	308,795 ⁽¹⁾	I	401(K) Plan Trust

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				
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(2)	(2)	Common Stock 9,810	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	(3)	Common Stock 930	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The number of underlying securities is based on the stock fund balance of April 29, 2019. The actual number of shares issuable upon the distribution date is not determinable since the stock fund is a unitized account consisting of 97.82% company stock and 2.18% money market fund. The stock account balance reflected in this report is based on an April 29, 2019, stock fund price of \$203.423235 per share.
- Employee stock options were granted under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3: 1,400 stock options were granted on 07/22/2013; 1,330 stock options were granted on 02/10/2014; 1,280 stock options were granted on 02/09/2015; 1,900 stock options were granted on 02/09/2015; 1,900 stock options were granted on 02/08/2016; 1,265 stock options were granted on 02/13/2017; 1,110 stock options were granted on 02/12/2018 and 1,525 stock options were granted on 02/11/2019. All stock options become exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting one year after the grant date. All employee stock options expire ten years after the date of the award.
- Restricted stock units were granted under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3: 330 restricted stock units were granted on 02/13/2017; 265 restricted stock units were granted on 02/12/2018; and 335 restricted stock units were granted on 02/11/2019. The restricted stock units become payable in Common Stock on the vesting date, which is three years after the grant date.

Remarks:

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Helen E. Gurholt 05/02/2019

** 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 hereby constitute and authorize 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 rules thereunder (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 Documents and timely file (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, in the best interest of the undersigned. 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 requisite, necessary or proper to carry out the powers hereinbefore conferred. 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 undersigned's holdings. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 18th day of April, 2019.

/s/Helen E. Gurholt