Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## ANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     STERN JAMES F					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SMITH A O CORP [ AOS ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner						
(Last) A. O. SM	•	irst) (I	Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/10/2023									X	belov	er (give title v) VP, Gener	al Co	Other (s below) ounsel & S	·	
11270 WEST PARK PLACE					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)							
(Street) MILWA	JKEE W	Т 5	3224												X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person					
(City)	(S	tate) (2	Zip)		Rul	Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication														
						Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See In														
		Table	I - N	on-Deriva	tive S	Secui	rities	Ac	quire	d, Dis	sposed of	, or E	Benefic	ially	Own	ed				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transactic Date (Month/Day/					Year) Execut		eemed Ition Date, h/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acq Disposed Of (D)				Acquired (A) or (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
										v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Transa	action(s) . 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 11/10/20						)23					8,118	D	\$7	2 1		128,118		D		
Common Stock 11/13/2					023				S		8,118	D	\$73.0	011	120,000		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)	Execution Date, Transaction of				rities ired r osed ) r. 3, 4	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) (Under Deriva Securi 3 and				ant of rities rlying ative rity (Instr. 4)  Amount or Number	Der Sec (Ins	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	y	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Code V (A		(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	isable	Expiration Date	Title	of Shares							

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Remarks:

Wendy L. Grant, Attorney-in-Fact for James F. Stern

11/13/2023

\*\* 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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