FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Lauber Charles T  (Last) (First) (Middle)  A. O. SMITH CORPORATION  11270 WEST PARK PLACE  (Street)  MILWAUKEE WI 53224  (City) (State) (Zip)						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)     Executive Vice President & CFO      6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans				2. Transa	action 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transa Code (	4. Securities A Disposed Of (I 5)		if, or Benefici ties Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a		5. Amou Securitie Beneficie Owned F Reported		nt of s ally ollowing l ion(s)	Form (D) o	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
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Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$60.82	02/08/2021			A	2	25,910		(1)	0	2/08/2031	Common Stock	25,91	0 \$0		102,23	3	D		
Restricted Stock Units	\$60.82	02/08/2021			A	5	5,970		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	5,970	\$0		19,495	5	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.

## Remarks:

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Charles T. Lauber

02/10/2021

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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