



A.O. Smith Declares Quarterly Dividend

MILWAUKEE, April 6-- Directors of A.O. Smith Corporation (NYSE: AOS) (AMEX: SMCA) today declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$.12 per share on Common Stock and Class A Common Stock. The dividend is payable on May 15, 2000 to shareholders of record April 28, 2000. SOURCE A.O. Smith Corporation

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