FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

| Washington, | D.C. | 20549 | |
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Ackerman Patricia K | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SMITH A O CORP [AOS] | | | | | | | | | k all appli Directo | cable) or | ig Pers | Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specifi | |
|---|---|--|--|------------|------------------------------|--|--------------|---------|---|----------------------------|--------------------|--|--|-------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| | , | PORATION | (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2022 | | | | | | | | X | Officer (give title below) Senior Vice | | | below) | |
| (Street) MILWAI (City) | | | 53224 (Zip) | | _ 4. II | f Amei | ndment | t, Date | of Original | Filed | d (Month/D | oay/Year) | | Indiv ne) X | Form | filed by One | e Repo | g (Check Ap orting Perso n One Repo | on |
| | | Tabl | le I - No | n-Deriv | /ative | Sec | uritie | es Ac | quired, | Dis | posed o | of, or Be | neficia | ally | Owned | t | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transa Date (Month/D | | /Year) Exe | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | | ies Acquire Of (D) (Ins | | and 5) Sec Ben Owi | | ally Following | 6. Owners Form: Dire (D) or Indi (I) (Instr. 4 | : Direct r Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | Reporte Transac (Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock 02/1 | | | | 02/11 | /2022 | | | | M | | 935(1) | A | \$71.7 | 715 | 2, | 102 | | D | |
| Common Stock 02/11/ | | | | /2022 | 1022 | | | F | | 300 | D | \$71.7 | 71.715 | | 1,802 | | D | | |
| | | Т | able II - | | | | | | | | | , or Ben | | | wned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deen Executio if any (Month/D | n Date, | 4. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Number of | | 6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea | | • | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | De Se (Ir | Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4) | Owr Form ly Dire or Ir (I) (I | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisab | | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Restricted Stock | \$71.715 | 02/11/2022 | | | М | | | 935 | (1) | | (1) | Common Stock | 935 | | \$0 | 21,547 | , | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. 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.

Remarks:

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Patricia K. Ackerman

02/15/2022

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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