

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Kulkarni Parag</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) A. O. SMITH INDIA WATER PRODUCTS PRIVATE #300, PHASE II, KIADB INDUSTRIAL AREA  (Street) KARNATAKA K7 562112  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2022	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) SVP - Int'l; President India	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 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)
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**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				
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	1,770	(2)	D
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(3)	04/25/2025	Common Stock	1,720	33.235	D

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Restricted stock units were granted under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3: 780 Restricted stock units were granted on 02/10/2020 and they become payable in cash on the vesting date of 02/10/2023. 545 Restricted stock units were granted on 02/08/2021 and they become payable in cash on the vesting date of 02/08/2024. 445 Restricted stock units were granted on 02/07/2022 and they become payable in cash on the vesting date of 02/07/2025.
- Each restricted stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of A. O. Smith Corporation Common Stock.
- Employee stock options were granted on 04/27/2015, under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under rule 16b-3. The option became exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 04/27/2016. The stock options are payable in cash when exercised.

**Remarks:**

James F. Stern, Attorney-  
in-Factor for Parag                      09/01/2022  
Kulkarni  
 \*\* 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).

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