FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(Last) A. O. SM	ra Ajita C  (FI  MITH CORI  EST PARK  UKEE W	rst) (PORATION E PLACE	Middle 53224 (Zip)		3. t 11/	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SMITH A O CORP [ AOS ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/23/2021  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									c all application of the control of	cable) or (give title  Joint/Group filed by One	10% Owner Other (specify below)  D Filing (Check Applicable e Reporting Person re than One Reporting		
(=,/)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
Dat		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		(A) or 3, 4 and 5	Beneficially Owned Followin		es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock		11/23/2021				M		1,044	A	\$61.7	76	24	1,776		D				
Common	Common Stock 11/23/2		11/23/20	021	21			S		1,044	D	\$83.293	.2934 <sup>(1)</sup>		,732		D		
Common Stock														243,405			I	Held by spouse's revocable trust or grantor retained annuity trusts.	
		Т	able								sposed of				wned				
1. Title of 2. 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 4. Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, 5 ccurity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any C			4. Transa	. 5. Number of of Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	isable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares	er					
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$61.76	11/23/2021			M			1,044	(2	2)	02/12/2028	Common Stock	1,044	4	\$0	320,25	54	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The prices actually received ranged from \$83.25 to \$83.44. The reporting person has provided to the issuer, and will provide to any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range for all transactions reported on this Form 4 utilizing an average weighted price.
- 2. The employee stock options were granted on 02/12/2018 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 02/12/2019.

## Remarks:

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Ajita G. Rajendra

11/26/2021

\*\* 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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