

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Lauber Charles T</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 500 TENNESSEE WALTZ PARKWAY (Street) ASHLAND CITY TN 37015 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2013	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SMITH A O CORP [AOS]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Senior VP, Strategy & Planning	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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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)
Common Stock	4,163	D	

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 2,650	0	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(2)	(2)	Common Stock 7,250	0	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; 1,050 restricted stock units were granted on 02/08/2010; 800 restricted stock units were granted on 02/07/2011; and 800 restricted stock units were granted on 02/13/2012. The restricted stock units became payable in Common Stock on the vesting date, which is three years after the grant date.
- Employee stock options were granted under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3; 2,850 employee stock options were granted on 02/08/2010 and became exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/08/2011; 2,000 employee stock options were granted on 02/07/2011 and became exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/07/2012; 2,400 employee stock options were granted on 02/13/2012 and became exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/13/2013. All employee stock options expire ten years after the date of the award.

Remarks:

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Charles T. Lauber 01/09/2013

** 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).

** 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that, for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby constitute and authorize the undersigned to

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned (in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules thereunder (the
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Documents and timely file
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of the undersigned.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to carry out the above and to execute the same in and to the full extent of the power and authority that the undersigned might lawfully exercise in the premises. This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Documents with respect to the undersigned's holdings in the securities mentioned herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 7th day of January, 2013.

/s/Charles T. Lauber