



A. O. Smith announces quarterly dividend increase

Milwaukee, Wis.—Directors of A. O. Smith Corporation (AOS-NYSE, SMCA-AMEX) today announced a \$.01 increase in the company's quarterly cash dividend to a rate of \$.14 per share.

The new dividend will apply to both Common Stock and Class A Common Stock and is payable on Aug. 15, 2002 to shareholders of record July 31, 2002.