### FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  KITA JOHN J						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SMITH A O CORP [ AOS ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  V Officer (give title Other (specify				
	(Last) (First) (Middle) A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2012								X Officer (give title Officer (specify below)  Executive Vice President & CFO				
(Street)  MILWAUKEE WI 53224  (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)  2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of		6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		ble and 7. Title and of Securitie		d Amount es G Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	is Silly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				c	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expi Date	iration e	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$45.97	02/13/2012			A		13,000		(1)	02/1	13/2022	Common Stock	13,000	\$0	69,300	0	D	
Restricted Stock	\$45.97	02/13/2012			A		4,700		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	4,700	\$0	8,700		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The employee stock options were granted on 02/13/2012 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 02/13/2013.
- 2. The restricted stock units were granted on 02/13/2012 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 02/13/2015.

# Remarks:

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for John J. Kita

02/14/2012

\*\* 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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