

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>KITA JOHN J</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>A. O. SMITH CORPORATION</u> <u>11270 WEST PARK PLACE</u>  (Street) <u>MILWAUKEE WI 53224</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SMITH A O CORP [ AOS ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>V.P., Treasurer &amp; Controller</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/12/2004</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
6. 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**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	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 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/12/2004		A		3,500	A	(1)	11,797	D	

**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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$24.64	10/12/2004		A		4,500		10/11/2005	10/12/2014	Common Stock	4,500	\$0	105,000	D	
Stock Appreciation Rights <sup>(2)</sup>	\$24.64	10/12/2004		A		4,500		10/11/2005	10/12/2014	Common Stock	4,500	\$0	105,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Award of restricted stock.

2. The employee stock options and stock appreciation rights were granted in tandem on 10/12/2004 under the A. O. Smith Combined Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. Accordingly, the exercise of one results in the expiration of the other.

**Remarks:**

W. David Romoser, Attorney-  
in-Fact for John J. Kita      10/13/2004

\*\* 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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