

Petrarca Mark A  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Petrarca Mark A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

A. O. SMITH  
CORPORATION, 11270 WEST  
PARK PLACE

(Street)

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SMITH A O CORP [AOS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/20/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice Pres. - H.R. & P.A

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |            |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--------|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V | Amount |   |  |                                   | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock                    | 07/20/2012                           |  | M                              |   |   | 22,050 | A   | \$ 19.003  | 46,172                            | D          |       |
| Common Stock                    | 07/20/2012                           |  | S                              |   |   | 5,500  | D   | \$ 51  | 40,672                            | D          |       |
| Common Stock                    | 07/20/2012                           |  | S                              |   |   | 4,612  | D   | \$ 51.01   | 36,060                            | D          |       |
| Common Stock                    | 07/20/2012                           |  | S                              |   |   | 2,638  | D   | \$ 51.02   | 33,422                            | D          |       |
| Common Stock                    | 07/20/2012                           |  | S                              |   |   | 1,200  | D   | \$ 51.03   | 32,222                            | D          |       |

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|              |            |   |       |   |            |        |   |
|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|------------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 1,400 | D | \$ 51.04   | 30,822 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 51.05   | 29,322 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 700   | D | \$ 51.06   | 28,622 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 800   | D | \$ 51.07   | 27,822 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 100   | D | \$ 51.08   | 27,722 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 300   | D | \$ 51.09   | 27,422 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 100   | D | \$ 51.0902 | 27,322 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 200   | D | \$ 51.1    | 27,122 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 500   | D | \$ 51.11   | 26,622 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 300   | D | \$ 51.12   | 26,322 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 500   | D | \$ 51.13   | 25,822 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 100   | D | \$ 51.14   | 25,722 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 100   | D | \$ 51.15   | 25,622 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 100   | D | \$ 51.18   | 25,522 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 100   | D | \$ 51.2    | 25,422 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 300   | D | \$ 51.21   | 25,122 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 100   | D | \$ 51.22   | 25,022 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 200   | D | \$ 51.24   | 24,822 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 100   | D | \$ 51.25   | 24,722 | D |
| Common Stock | 07/20/2012 | S | 100   | D | \$ 51.31   | 24,622 | D |
|              | 07/20/2012 | S | 300   | D | \$ 51.32   | 24,322 | D |

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Common  
Stock

Common Stock 07/20/2012 S 200 D \$ 51.33 24,122 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |  |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      |  |
| Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)      | \$ 19.003  | 07/20/2012                           |  | M                              | 22,050  | <u>(1)</u> 02/09/2019                                    | Common Stock  | 22,050                     |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Petrarca Mark A<br>A. O. SMITH CORPORATION<br>11270 WEST PARK PLACE<br>MILWAUKEE, WI 53224 |               |           | Senior Vice Pres. - H.R. & P.A |       |

## Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark A. Petrarca 07/23/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) The employee stock options were granted on 02/09/2009 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 02/09/2010.

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