

STERN JAMES F
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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 *
STERN JAMES F

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
A. O. SMITH
CORPORATION, 11270 WEST
PARK PLACE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/31/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Exec VP, General Counsel & Sec

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	10/31/2012		M	16,800	A	\$ 23.76	36,437	D
Common Stock	10/31/2012		F	11,117	D	\$ 23.76	25,320	D
Common Stock	10/31/2012		M	15,750	A	\$ 19.003	41,070	D
Common Stock	10/31/2012		F	9,730	D	\$ 19.003	31,340	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)	\$ 23.76	10/31/2012		M	16,800	<u>(1)</u> 02/11/2018	Common Stock	16,800
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.003	10/31/2012		M	15,750	<u>(2)</u> 02/09/2019	Common Stock	15,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STERN JAMES F A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224			Exec VP, General Counsel & Sec	

Signatures

Wendy L. Grant, Attorney-in-Fact for James F. Stern

11/01/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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The employee stock options were granted on 02/11/2008 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The options became exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/11/2009.

- (2) The employee stock options were granted on 02/9/2009 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The options became exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/09/2010.

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