

BEDNAR RANDALL S
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BEDNAR RANDALL S

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/19/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President - CIO

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 11/19/2012 | | M | A | \$ 19.467 24,202 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/19/2012 | | S | D | \$ 60.1551 18,502 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/19/2012 | | M | A | \$ 25.8367 24,802 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/19/2012 | | S | D | \$ 60.1686 18,502 | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.467 | 11/19/2012 | | M | 5,700 | <u>(1)</u> 10/11/2015 | Common Stock | 5,700 |
| Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 25.837 | 11/19/2012 | | M | 6,300 | <u>(2)</u> 02/09/2017 | Common Stock | 6,300 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BEDNAR RANDALL S A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224 | | | Senior Vice President - CIO | |

Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Randall S. Bednar
 11/19/2012

__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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(1) The employee stock options were granted on 10/11/2005 under the A. O. Smith Combined Executive 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 10/10/2006.

(2) The employee stock options were granted on 02/09/2007 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 02/09/2008.

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