

JONES PAUL W  
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# FORM 4

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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 \*  
JONES PAUL W

(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)  
04/26/2012

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)  
Chairman and CEO

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/26/2012		M		61,650	A	\$ 21.34
Common Stock	04/26/2012		S		343	D	\$ 47.51
Common Stock	04/26/2012		S		300	D	\$ 47.53
Common Stock	04/26/2012		S		600	D	\$ 47.54
Common Stock	04/26/2012		S		3,100	D	\$ 47.55

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Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	1,100	D	\$ 47.56	212,151	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	2,300	D	\$ 47.57	209,851	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	2,500	D	\$ 47.58	207,351	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	2,167	D	\$ 47.59	205,184	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	2,300	D	\$ 47.6	202,884	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	8,005	D	\$ 47.61	194,879	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	3,450	D	\$ 47.62	191,429	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	3,550	D	\$ 47.63	187,879	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	1,599	D	\$ 47.64	186,280	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	1,300	D	\$ 47.65	184,980	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	1,836	D	\$ 47.66	183,144	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	1,800	D	\$ 47.67	181,344	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	2,600	D	\$ 47.68	178,744	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	1,880	D	\$ 47.69	176,864	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	1,400	D	\$ 47.7	175,464	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	1,380	D	\$ 47.71	174,084	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	900	D	\$ 47.72	173,184	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	400	D	\$ 47.73	172,784	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	3,800	D	\$ 47.74	168,984	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	2,900	D	\$ 47.75	166,084	D
	04/26/2012	S	500	D		165,584	D

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Common Stock					\$ 47.76		
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	540	D	\$ 47.77	165,044	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	784	D	\$ 47.78	164,260	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	300	D	\$ 47.79	163,960	D
Common Stock	04/26/2012	S	300	D	\$ 47.8	163,660	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.34	04/26/2012		M	61,650 <u>(1)</u>	11/05/2009	11/05/2018	Common Stock	61,650

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JONES PAUL W A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224	X		Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Paul W.  
Jones

04/27/2012

\_\_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 11/05/2008 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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