

SMITH A O CORP  
Form 4  
August 10, 2012

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BROWN RONALD D**

(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)

**08/08/2012**

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (D)                                                                  | Price                                                             |

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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<br>Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities | 8. Price of<br>Derivative |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|

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| Security<br>(Instr. 3)                      | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Security<br>(Instr. 5) |                    |                 |                                        |      |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|------|
|                                             |                                                   |                         | Code               | V                                                                                                     | (A)              | (D)              | Date<br>Exercisable    | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |      |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 48.755                                         | 08/08/2012              | A                  |                                                                                                       | 62               |                  | <u>(2)</u>             | <u>(2)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 62                                     | \$ 0 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                            | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                           | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BROWN RONALD D<br>A. O. SMITH CORPORATION<br>11270 WEST PARK PLACE<br>MILWAUKEE, WI 53224 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Ronald D. Brown

08/10/2012

                    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) Payment of portion of retainer in Restricted Stock Units under the A. O. Smith Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan.

(2) The Plan permits the participant to defer the receipt of the award and Mr. Brown has made a deferral.

(3) The Restricted Stock Units receive a quarterly dividend pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the A. O. Smith Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan. The total amount of dividends received was 24 units of Restricted Stock Units.

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