

KITA JOHN J  
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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 \*  
KITA JOHN J

(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)  
05/01/2012

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)  
Executive Vice President & CFO

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: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D) or Price (A)		
Common Stock	05/01/2012		M		5,700 A \$ 19.467	25,944	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012		M		7,650 A \$ 25.837	33,594	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012		S		50 D \$ 48.32	33,544	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012		S		200 D \$ 48.3201	33,344	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012		S		1,100 D \$ 48.33	32,244	D

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Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	100	D	\$ 48.3301	32,144	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	400	D	\$ 48.341	31,744	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	400	D	\$ 48.345	31,344	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	800	D	\$ 48.35	30,544	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	300	D	\$ 48.351	30,244	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	1,000	D	\$ 48.355	29,244	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	300	D	\$ 48.36	28,944	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	100	D	\$ 48.37	28,844	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	1,900	D	\$ 48.38	26,944	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	112	D	\$ 48.39	26,832	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	400	D	\$ 48.4	26,432	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	500	D	\$ 48.41	25,932	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	200	D	\$ 48.415	25,732	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	100	D	\$ 48.42	25,632	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	100	D	\$ 48.43	25,532	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	200	D	\$ 48.48	25,332	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	100	D	\$ 48.5	25,232	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	300	D	\$ 48.53	24,932	D
Common Stock	05/01/2012	S	700	D	\$ 48.58	24,232	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)	\$ 19.467	05/01/2012		M	5,700 (1)	10/11/2006	10/11/2015			Common Stock	5,700
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.837	05/01/2012		M	7,650 (2)	02/09/2008	02/09/2017			Common Stock	7,650

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KITA JOHN J A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224			Executive Vice President & CFO	

## Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Steve W. Rettler  
Date: 05/02/2012

\_\_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).

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The employee stock option were granted on 10/11/2005, under the A. O. Smith Combined Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under rule 16b-3.

- (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.

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