STERN JAMES F Form 4 February 09, 2011

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* STERN JAMES F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Exec VP, General Counsel & Sec

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

SMITH A O CORP [AOS] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

02/07/2011

Director X\_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

A. O. SMITH CORPORATION, 11270 WEST

(Street)

(State)

PARK PLACE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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below)

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)  (A) or				(D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	curities Ownership meficially Form: whed Direct (D) llowing or Indirect ported (I) ansaction(s) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/07/2011		A	12,555 (1)	A	\$ 43.115	17,302	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2011		S	5,091 (2)	D	\$ 41.7435	12,211	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)

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## **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

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

02/09/2011

\*\*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).
- Vesting to reporting person of restricted stock units settled in shares of common stock under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive **(1)** Compensation Plan upon attainment of performance criteria.
- The reporting person sold these shares to obtain funds to pay the withholding taxes due as a result of the vesting of the restricted stock units described in footnote (1).

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