

BEDNAR RANDALL S  
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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 \*  
**BEDNAR RANDALL S**

(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)  
**02/09/2012**

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)  
**Senior Vice President - CIO**

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/09/2012		M	(1)	\$ 3,750 45.588	20,143	D
Common Stock	02/10/2012		S	(2)	\$ 1,641 45.588	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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/09/2012		M	3,750	(1) (1)	Common Stock	3,750

## 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  
 Date: 02/10/2012

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) 3,750 Restricted Stock Units were granted on 02/09/2009, under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. 3,750 Restricted Stock Units vested on 02/09/2012. As of result of vesting, the Company is obligated to deliver 3,750 shares of Common Stock to the reporting person.
- (2) 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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