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(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
SMITH BRUCE M (Last) (First) (Middle)	**SMITH A O CORP [AOS]**	__ **X** __ Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
A. O. SMITH CORPORATION, 11270 WEST PARK PLACE (Street)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) **2/16/2012**	
MILWAUKEE, WI 53224 (City) (State) (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _ **X** _ 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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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								**3973**	**D** (1)	
Common Stock	**2/16/2012**		**S**		**2990**	**D**	**$46**	**16941**	**I**	**In trust** (2)

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (*e.g.* , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock	**$ 0**							(3)	(3)	**Common Stock**	**0**		**20823** (4)	**D**	
Class A Common Stock	**$ 0** (5)							(6)	(7)	**Common Stock**	**0**		**118891**	**I**	**In trust** (2)

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Shares deferred under the A. O. Smith Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan.

(2) The reporting person beneficially owns these shares as settlor of a revocable family trust.

(3) The Plan permits the participant/receipient to defer receipt of the award, and Mr. Smith has made a deferral.

(4) The Phantom Stock receives a quarterly dividend. The total amount of the dividends received was 73 shares of Phantom Stock.

(5) 1 for 1

(6) Convertible at any time

(7) None

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH BRUCE M **A. O. SMITH CORPORATION** **11270 WEST PARK PLACE** **MILWAUKEE, WI 53224**	**X**			

Signatures

Bruce M. Smith — ** Signature of Reporting Person

2/21/2012 — Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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