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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)
RETTLER STEVE W (Last) (First) (Middle)	**SMITH A O CORP [AOS]**	_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
A. O. SMITH CORPORATION, 11270 WEST PARK PLACE (Street)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) **2/13/2012**	__ **X** __ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) **Senior Vice President - CD**
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			

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				
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	**$45.97**	**2/13/2012**		**A**		**3800**		(1)	**2/13/2022**	**Common Stock**	**3800**	**$ 0**	**34150**	**D**	
Restricted Stock Units	**$45.97**	**2/13/2012**		**A**		**1400**		(2)	(2)	**Common Stock**	**1400**	**$ 0**	**5150**	**D**	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The employee stock options were granted on 02/13/2012 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The options become exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/13/2013.

(2) The restricted stock units were granted on 02/13/2012 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The restricted stock units become payable in Common Stock on the vesting date of 02/13/2015.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RETTLER STEVE W **A. O. SMITH CORPORATION**			**Senior Vice President - CD**	

11270 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224				

Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Steve W. Rettler	**2/14/2012**
** Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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

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