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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement SMITH A O CORP [AOS] A Petrarca Mark A (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) A. O. SMITH (Check all applicable) CORPORATION, 11270 WEST PARK PLACE 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) Vice President - H.R. & P.A. _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person MILWAUKEE. WIÂ 53224 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) 502.57 (1) Â Common Stock D Â Common Stock 4,200 (2) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security
2. Date Exercisable and
(Instr. 4)

Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

Derivative Security

3. Title and Amount of 4.

Securities Underlying
Derivative Security

or Exercise

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) (3)	10/11/2005	10/12/2014	Common Stock	5,500	\$ 24.64	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Petrarca Mark A A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224	Â	Â	Vice President - H.R. & P.A.	Â		

Signatures

W. David Romoser, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark A.
Petrarca 01/05/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Restricted Stock awarded on various dates between February 2000 and February 2004, with vesting in five years of the award date.
- (2) Restricted Stock awarded on October 12, 2004.
- (3) Granted on October 12, 2004, under the A. O. Smith Combined Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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