KITA JOHN J Form 4 February 16, 2018

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** KITA JOHN J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SMITH A O CORP [AOS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an approach)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
A. O. SMITH			02/16/2018	X Officer (give title Other (specify		
	CORPORATION, 11270 WEST PARK PLACE			below) below) Executive Vice President & CFO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
MILWAUK	EE, WI 532	24		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securiti	es Ac	quired (A)	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction Disposed of (D)			Securities	Ownership	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership	
							Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)	
					(4)		Reported	(I)		
					(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
~						\$				
Common Stock	02/16/2018		S	25,000	D	66.0997 (1)	50,917	D		

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

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Table I Non Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of or Reneficially Owned

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

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title a	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				hares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
KITA JOHN J A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224			Executive Vice President & CFO					

Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for John 02/16/2018 J. Kita

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- 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).
- The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The prices actually received ranged from \$65.93 to \$66.35. The reporting person has provided to the issuer, and will provide to any security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range for all transactions reported on this Form 4 utilizing an average weighted price.

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