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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

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may continue.

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Rajendra Ajita G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

(First) (Middle) SMITH A O CORP [AOS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

11/09/2012

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify below)

President & COO

A. O. SMITH CORPORATION, 500 TENNESSEE WALTZ PARKWAY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

ASHLAND CITY, TN 37015

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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)	Code (Instr. 8)	Cransaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Instr. 8) (A) or			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)	
Common Stock	11/09/2012		Code V M	Amount 40,350	(D)	Price \$ 18.387	86,514	D		
Common Stock	11/09/2012		F	22,677	D	\$ 18.387	63,837	D		
Common Stock	11/09/2012		M	15,000	D	\$ 19.467	78,837	D		
Common Stock	11/09/2012		F	8,604	D	\$ 19.467	70,233	D		
Common Stock	11/09/2012		M	16,800	D	\$ 25.837	87,033	D		

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Common Stock 11/09/2012 F 10,787 D \$ 76,246 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) (1)	\$ 18.387	11/09/2012		M		40,350	01/31/2006	02/01/2015	Common Stock	40,350
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.467	11/09/2012		M		15,000	<u>(2)</u>	10/11/2015	Common Stock	15,000
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.837	11/09/2012		M		16,800	(3)	02/09/2017	Common Stock	16,800

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Rajendra Ajita G A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 500 TENNESSEE WALTZ PARKWAY ASHLAND CITY, TN 37015

President & COO

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Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Ajita G.
Rajendra

11/13/2012

**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) The employee stock options were granted on 02/01/2005 under the A. O. Smith Combined Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.
- The employee stock options were granted on 10/11/2005 under the A. O. Smith Combined Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The options became exerciable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 10/10/2006.
- (3) The employee stock options were granted on 02/09/2007 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The options became exerciable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/08/2008.

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