

SMITH A O CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
COLE MICHAEL J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

A. O. SMITH  
CORPORATION, 11270 WEST  
PARK PLACE

(Street)

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SMITH A O CORP [AOS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/11/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President - Asia

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of Derivative | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---|--|----|
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| Security<br>(Instr. 3)                            | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |                     |                    |                 |  |
|---|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|
|   |   |                         | Code               | V   | (A)              | (D)              | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 29.2   | 10/11/2005              | A                  |   | 4,500            |                  | <u>(1)</u>          | 10/11/2015         | Common<br>Stock | 4,500                                  |
| Phantom<br>Stock                                  | \$ 29.2   | 10/11/2005              | A                  |   | 3,700            |                  | <u>(2)</u>          | <u>(2)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 3,700                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships                             |
|---|---|
|   | Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other |
| COLE MICHAEL J<br>A. O. SMITH CORPORATION<br>11270 WEST PARK PLACE<br>MILWAUKEE, WI 53224 | Vice President - Asia                     |

## Signatures

W. David Romoser, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael J. Cole 10/12/2005

\*\*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 10/11/2005 under the A. O. Smith Combined Executive 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 10/10/2006.

(2) The phantom stock was granted on 10/11/2005 under the A. O. Smith Combined Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The shares of phantom stock become payable in Common Stock on the vesting date of 10/22/2008.

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