SMITH A O CORP Form 4

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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).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STERN JAMES F

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

SMITH A O CORP [AOS]

(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner

A. O. SMITH

CORPORATION, 11270 WEST

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

Other (specify X_ Officer (give title

below) Exec VP, General Counsel & Sec

PARK PLACE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

06/01/2007

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Following

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

(Instr. 3)

Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of **TransactionDerivative**

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr.	8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and	4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 40.27	06/01/2007		A		12,000		<u>(1)</u>	06/01/2017	Common Stock	12,000
Phantom Stock	\$ 40.27	06/01/2007		A		5,000		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STERN JAMES F A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

Exec VP, General Counsel & Sec

Signatures

James F. Stern 06/04/2007

**Signature of 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 06/01/2007 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 05/31/2007.
- (2) The phantom stock was granted on 06/01/2007 under the A. O. Smith Combined 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 06/01/2010.

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