SMITH A O CORP Form 4

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

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1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JONES PAUL W

(Middle)

(First) (Last)

A. O. SMITH CORPORATION, 11270 WEST PARK PLACE

(Street)

(State)

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

Issuer

below)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Pres & Chief Operating Officer

(Zip)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

(City)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities 3. TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

10% Owner Other (specify

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Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(A)

or

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

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	3)	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)	\$ 29.2	10/11/2005		A		40,500		(1)	10/11/2015	Common Stock	40,500
Phantom Stock	\$ 29.2	10/11/2005		A		33,000		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	33,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JONES PAUL W A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

Pres & Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

W. David Romoser, Attorney-in-Fact for Paul W. Jones

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).
- The employee stock options were granted on 10/11/2005 under the A. O. Smith Combined Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a (1) 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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