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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement SMITH A O CORP [AOS] Warren David R (Month/Day/Year) 07/16/2017 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) A. O. SMITH (Check all applicable) CORPORATION, Â 500 TENNESSEE WALTZ 10% Owner Director **PARKWAY** _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Senior VP & President and GM Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ASHLAND CITY, TNÂ 37015 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 1,235 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	3,855	\$ 0	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	14,671	\$ 0	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Warren David R A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 500 TENNESSEE WALTZ PARKWAY ASHLAND CITY. TN 37015	Â	Â	Senior VP & President and GM	Â	

Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for David R. Warren

07/17/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Restricted Stock Units were granted under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3: 1,460 restricted stock units were granted on 02/09/2015; 1,420 restricted stock units were granted on 02/08/2016 and 975 restricted stock units were granted on 02/13/2017. The restricted stock units become payable in Common Stock on the vesting date, which is three years after the grant date.
- Employee Stock Options were granted under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3: 1,714 employee stock options were granted on 02/10/2014; 3,492 employee stock options were granted on 02/09/2015; 5,710 employee stock options were granted on 02/08/2016 and 3,755 employee stock options were granted on 02/13/2017. Employee Stock Options become exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting one year after the grant dtate.

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