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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Kempken Daniel L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			SMITH A O CORP [AOS]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
A. O. SMITH			02/09/2018	X Officer (give title Other (specify		

10% Owner Other (specify below) Vice President and Controller

CORPORATION, 11270 WEST PARK PLACE

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

(City)

(City)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative l	Secur	ities Acqu	ured, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securit		•	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	•	any	Code	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported		
					or		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/09/2018		M	1,870 (1)	A	\$ 60.11	5,890	D	
Common Stock	02/09/2018		F	694	D	\$ 60.11	5,196 <u>(2)</u>	D	

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 60.11	02/09/2018		M		1,870	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	1,870
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 61.76	02/12/2018		A	930		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	930
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 61.76	02/12/2018		A	3,870		<u>(4)</u>	02/12/2028	Common Stock	3,870

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	

ector 10% Owner Officer Other

Kempken Daniel L A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

Vice President and Controller

Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Daniel L. Kempken

02/13/2018

**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).
- 1,870 Restricted Stock Units were granted on 02/09/2015, under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. 1,870 Restricted Stock Units vested on 02/09/2018. As a result of vesting, the Company is obligated to deliver 1,870 shares of Common Stock to the reporting person.
- (2) Mr. Kempken is a participant in the A. O. Smith Dividend Reinvestment Plan ('Plan") and receives a quarterly dividend pursuant to the Plan. The total amount of dividends received was 8 shares of Common Stock.

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- (3) The restricted stock units were granted on 02/12/2018 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The restricted stock units become payable in Common Stock on the vesting date of 02/12/2021.
- (4) The employee stock options were granted on 02/12/2018 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 02/12/2019.

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