

BEDNAR RANDALL S

Form 4

October 23, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BEDNAR RANDALL S

(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)
10/22/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Senior Vice President - IT

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X 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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	10/22/2008		M		3,100 (1)	A 11 8,263	D

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)**

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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 Derivative 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	(1)	10/22/2008		M		3,100		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	3,100	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BEDNAR RANDALL S A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224			Senior Vice President - IT	

Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Randall S. Bednar

10/23/2008

****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) 3,100 shares of phantom stock were granted on October 11, 2005, under the A. O. Smith Combined Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The 3,100 shares of phantom stock vested on October 22, 2008. As a result of vesting, the Company is obligated to deliver 3,100 shares of common stock to the reporting person.

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