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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Petrarca Mark A Issuer Symbol SMITH A O CORP [AOS] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title A. O. SMITH 02/09/2018 below) CORPORATION, 11270 WEST Senior Vice Pres. - H.R. & P.A PARK PLACE

(Street) 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) | (State) | (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed of | , or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------|------------------|--|--|---|----------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2018 | | M | 4,470 (1) | A | \$ 60.11 | 87,119 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2018 | | F | 2,169 | D | \$ 60.11 | 84,950 | 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)

| 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. Transactio 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|-------|--|--------------------|---|------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Sha |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 60.11 | 02/08/2018 | | M | | 4,470 | (1) | <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 4,47 |
| Restriced Stock Units | \$ 61.76 | 02/12/2018 | | A | 2,460 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 2,46 |
| Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 61.76 | 02/12/2018 | | A | 10,215 | | (3) | 02/12/2028 | Common Stock | 10,2 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| Petrarca Mark A A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224 | | | Senior Vice Pres H.R. & P.A | | | | | |

Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark A.
Petrarca
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).
- 4,470 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. 4,470 Restricted Stock Units vested on 02/09/2018. As a result of vesting, the Company is obligated to deliver 4,470 shares of Common Stock to the reporting person.
- (2) 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.

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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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