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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Heideman Robert J (Last) (First) (Middle) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2010 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SMITH A O CORP [AOS] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Senior Vice President Corp Tec | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
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A. O. SMITH CORPORATE TECHNOLOGY CENTER,Â 12100 WEST PARK PLACE
 (Street)

MILWAUKEE,Â WIÂ 53224
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially 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 (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â (1) | Â (1) | Common Stock | 6,150 | \$ 0 | D | Â |
| Restricted Stock Units | Â (2) | Â (2) | Common Stock | 1,950 | \$ 0 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Heideman Robert J A. O. SMITH CORPORATE TECHNOLOGY CENTER 12100 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224 | Â | Â | Â Senior Vice President Corp Tec | Â |

Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert J. Heideman 12/17/2010

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- 1,200 employee stock options were granted on 02/11/2008 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 02/11/2009. The options expire on 02/11/2018. 3,300 employee stock options were granted on 02/09/2009 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive
- (1) 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 02/09/2010. The options expire on 02/09/2019. 1,650 employee stock options were granted on 02/08/2010 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 02/08/2011. The options expire on 02/08/2020.
- 450 restricted stock units were granted on 02/11/2008 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 02/11/2011. 900 restricted stock units were granted on 02/09/2009 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule
- (2) 16b-3. The restricted stock units become payable in Common Stock on the vesting date of 02/09/2012. 600 restricted stock units were granted on 02/08/2010 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 02/08/2013.

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