

SMITH MARK D  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**SMITH MARK D**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SMITH A O CORP [AOS]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

**3725 WEST GRACE AVENUE**  
  
(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2011**

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
  
(check applicable line)

**MEQUON, WI 53092**  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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**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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) Amount or (D) Price   |  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/28/2011                           |  | G                              | 21,583  |  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/28/2011                           |  | G                              | 319   | A \$ 0   | I  | Held by spouse                    |
| Common Stock                    | 12/28/2011                           |  | G                              | 299   | A \$ 0   | I  | In trust <sup>(1)</sup>           |
| Common Stock                    | 12/29/2011                           |  | G                              | 645   | D \$ 0   | I  | In trust <sup>(1)</sup>           |

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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 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. 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                   |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Class A Common Stock                       | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | ^                                    | ^  | ^                              | ^ ^   | ^ <sup>(3)</sup> ^ <sup>(4)</sup>                        | Common Stock  | 0                          |
| Class A Common Stock                       | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | ^                                    | ^  | ^                              | ^ ^   | ^ <sup>(3)</sup> ^ <sup>(4)</sup>                        | Common Stock  | 0                          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SMITH MARK D<br>3725 WEST GRACE AVENUE<br>MEQUON, WI 53092 | ^ X           | ^         | ^       | ^     |

## Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark D. Smith 01/11/2012

\_\_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) The reporting person beneficially owns the shares as settlor of a revocable family trust.
- (2) 1 for 1
- (3) Convertible at any time.

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(4) None.

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