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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Ding Wei 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 (CHINA) WATER 02/09/2018 below) HEATER CO. LTD, 336 YAO XIN President - A. O. Smith China **AVENUE** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securi		•	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 Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/08/2019		A	4,580 (1)	A	\$ 48.72	10,433	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2019		F	1,882	D	\$ 48.72	8,623 (2)	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	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	\$ 48.72	02/08/2019		M		4,580	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	4,58
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 49.42	02/11/2019		A	3,370		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	3,37
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 49.42	02/11/2019		A	15,390		<u>(4)</u>	02/11/2029	Common Stock	15,39

Reporting Owners

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

Ding Wei

A. O. SMITH (CHINA) WATER HEATER CO. LTD 336 YAO XIN AVENUE NANJING, F3 210038

President - A. O. Smith China

Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Wei Ding

02/12/2019

**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).
- 4,580 Restricted Stock Units were granted on 02/08/2016, under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction
 exempt under Rule 16b-3. 4,580 Restricted Stock Units vested on 02/08/2019. As a result of vesting, the Company is obligated to deliver 4,580 shares of Common Stock to the reporting person.
- (2) Mr. Ding 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 72 shares of Common Stock.

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The restricted stock units were granted on 02/11/2019 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 02/11/2022.

(4) The employee stock options were granted on 02/11/2019 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 02/11/2020.

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