

SMITH A O CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 23, 2009

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 22, 2009

**A. O. Smith Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**1-475**  
(Commission File Number)

**11270 West Park Place, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53224-9502**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**39-0619790**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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(414) 359-4000

(Registrant's telephone number)

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- ☒ Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On January 22, 2009, A. O. Smith Corporation ( A. O. Smith ) held a conference call in connection with the issuance of a news release announcing A. O. Smith's 2008 earnings, during which, among other things, a proposed transaction between A. O. Smith and Smith Investment Company ( SICO ) was discussed. On January 23, 2009, A. O. Smith posted to its website (<http://www.aosmith.com>) an audio replay of such conference call and slides used in conjunction with such conference call. A transcript of the conference call and copies of such slides are filed as Exhibit 99.1 and 99.2, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated by reference herein.

In connection with the proposed transaction between A. O. Smith and SICO, the parties intend to file a registration statement on Form S-4 with the SEC containing a joint proxy statement/prospectus. Such documents, however, are not currently available. The joint proxy statement/prospectus will be mailed to stockholders of A. O. Smith and SICO. INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors will be able to obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus filed by A. O. Smith, without charge, at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>) once such documents are filed with the SEC. It will also be available on A. O. Smith's website (<http://www.aosmith.com>) by clicking on A. O. Smith Corporation, Investor Relations and then SEC filings. Copies of the joint proxy statement/prospectus can also be obtained, without charge, once they are filed with the SEC, by directing a request to A. O. Smith Corporation, Attention: Investor Relations, 11270 West Park Place, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53224.

A. O. Smith, SICO and their respective directors, executive officers and other employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of A. O. Smith and SICO in connection with the proposed transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of A. O. Smith and SICO and their respective interests in the proposed transaction will be available in the joint proxy statement/prospectus.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

The following exhibits are being filed herewith:

- (99.1) Conference call transcript of A. O. Smith Corporation, dated January 22, 2009.
- (99.2) Slides of A. O. Smith Corporation to be used in conjunction with conference call, dated January 22, 2009.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**A. O. SMITH CORPORATION**

Date: January 23, 2009

By: /s/ James F. Stern  
James F. Stern  
Executive Vice President,  
General Counsel and Secretary

**A. O. SMITH CORPORATION**

Exhibit Index to Current Report on Form 8-K Dated January 22, 2009.

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