

SMITH A O CORP
Form 8-K
February 04, 2008

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): February 4, 2008

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)

39-0619790
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

P. O. Box 245008, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53224-9508
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(414) 359-4000
(Registrant's telephone number)

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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 February 4, 2008, A. O. Smith Corporation (the "Company") issued a news release announcing that it has received a proposal from Smith Investment Company under which the Company would participate in a transaction with Smith Investment Company for purposes of enabling Smith Investment Company to restructure its holdings in the Company. The proposal has been forwarded to the Company's Board of Directors who will consider it in a timely manner.

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A copy of the Company's news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K (this Current Report) and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The following exhibit is being filed herewith:

(99.1) News Release of A. O. Smith Corporation dated February 4, 2008

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: February 4, 2008

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

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EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
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