

SMITH A O CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 18, 2011

# 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): August 17, 2011

## 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 53224-9508

(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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- 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 August 17, 2011, A. O. Smith Corporation (the Company ) issued a news release that it and Regal Beloit Corporation ( RBC ) have reached a final agreement with the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice in connection with the government 's approval of the Company 's sale of its electric motor business to RBC. Subject to receipt of final court approval, the Company anticipates closing the transaction on or about August 22, 2011.

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 by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

The following exhibit is being filed herewith:

(99.1) News Release of A. O. Smith Corporation, dated August 17, 2011.

**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: August 18, 2011

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 August 17, 2011

Exhibit Number	Description
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