

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
<u>Smith Mark Peter</u>			<u>AMERICAN OUTDOOR BRANDS</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>See remarks.</u>	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			
<u>2100 ROOSEVELT AVENUE</u>			<u>04/27/2017</u>			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
<u>SPRINGFIELD MA 01104</u>					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)				

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/27/2017		A		13,000 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0.00	45,287	D	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Performance Rights	(2)	04/27/2017		A		28,800	(2)	05/01/2021	Common Stock	28,800	\$0.00	28,800	D

Explanation of Responses:

1. One-quarter of the restricted stock units shall vest on each of the first, second, third, and fourth anniversaries of May 1, 2017. Shares, net of tax withholding, will be delivered on each anniversary of the applicable vesting date.
2. Each performance right represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock. The performance rights vest based on stock performance over a three-year performance period, and shares, net of tax withholding, will be delivered on the first anniversary of the vesting date. The number represents the maximum number of shares that may be delivered pursuant to the award, which is two times the target number of shares.

Remarks:

The reporting person is the Senior Vice President, Manufacturing Services Division.

Robert J. Cicero, as attorney-in-fact 04/28/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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