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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
 Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5
 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

JOHNSON, SAMUEL C.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4041 NORTH MAIN STREET

(Street)

RACINE, WI 53402

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC. (JOUT)

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Day/Year

December 17, 2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

Form filed by one Reporting Person
 Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

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) ----- Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- Amount or Price (A) (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follow- ing Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock					1,898,570	D (1)	
Class A Common Stock					454,490	I	(2)
Class A Common Stock	12/17/02		G V	250 D	32,543	I	By wife(3)
Class A Common Stock					114,464	I	(4)

Class A Common Stock	85,602	I	(5)
Class A Common Stock	266,335	I	(6)
Class A Common Stock	98,000	I	(7)
Class A Common Stock	100,000	I	(8)

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).

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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. Conver- sion or Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3A. Deemed Execu- tion Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Exer- cisable Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares Title	8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Benefi- cially Owned Following Reported Trans- action(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship (Instr. 4)
Class B Common Stock	(9)					(9) (9) *	25,000	25,000	I	(2)	
Class B Common Stock	(9)					(9) (9) *	1,037,330	1,037,330	I	By wife (3)(10)	
Class B Common Stock	(9)					(9) (9) *	106,036	106,036	I	(5) (6)	
Option (right to buy)(11)	\$16.375					01/01/94 01/01/03 *	611	611	D		
Option (right to buy)(12)	\$24.375					01/27/95 01/27/04 *	5,000	5,000	D		
Option (right to buy)(12)	\$6.2815					02/01/02 02/01/11 *	3,000	3,000	D		
Option (right to buy)(12)	\$9.145					02/20/03 02/20/12 *	4,695	4,695	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- * Class A Common Stock
- (1) As settlor, trustee and beneficiary of the Samuel C. Johnson 1988 Trust No. One (the "SCJ 1988 Trust").
- (2) As settlor, trustee and beneficiary of the SCJ 1988 Trust, which indirectly owns the reported shares as controlling shareholder of SCJ Marketing, Inc.
- (3) Mr. Johnson disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (4) As trustee of the Herbert F. Johnson Family Trust which indirectly as a shareholder of a corporation beneficially owns the reported shares.
- (5) As trustee of the Herbert F. Johnson Distributing Trust.
- (6) As controlling shareholder of Johnson Trust Company ("JT"), the trustee of certain trusts which directly, or indirectly as shareholders of certain corporations and as general partners of certain limited partnerships, beneficially own the reported shares. Mr. Johnson reports all shares held by certain corporations of which one or more of such trusts may be deemed to be a controlling shareholder. In addition, Mr. Johnson reports all shares held by certain limited partnerships of which one or more of such trusts is a general partner. Due to the nature of such limited partnerships, it is impractical to determine such trusts' proportionate interest (as defined by Rule 16a-1(a)(2)(ii)(B)) in such limited partnerships. Mr. Johnson disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (7) The reported shares are indirectly owned by Mr. Johnson through S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc., a corporation indirectly controlled by Mr. Johnson.
- (8) As controlling shareholder of Johnson International, the parent corporation of the trustee of the trust which beneficially owns the reported shares. Mr. Johnson disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (9) Class B Common Stock is convertible at any time on a one-share-for-one-share basis into Class A Common Stock.
- (10) The reported shares are held by the Johnson Outdoors Inc. Class B Common Stock Voting Trust ("Voting Trust"), of which Mrs. Johnson is trustee. Two trusts of which Mr. Johnson is settlor, trustee and/or beneficiary are Voting Trust unit holders.
- (11) Stock option granted pursuant to the Johnson Outdoors Inc. Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- (12) Stock option granted pursuant to the Johnson Outdoors Inc. 1994 Non-Employee Director Stock Ownership Plan.

SAMUEL C. JOHNSON

/s/ Samuel C. Johnson

December 18, 2002

Date

** 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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