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This is to certify that **Mr. Rishikesh Sonawane** a B. Des. (Product Design) student of *Srishti Institute of Art, Design & Technology*, Bengaluru has completed his Summer Internship with **A.O. Smith India Water Product Private Limited**, his project period was from 25th May 2022 to 29th July 2022. He completed his internship in our Engineering Department under the guidance of Dr. Neeraj Gupta (Director R&D – WH & WT), Mr. Rajesh Bhakta (Head WH- Product Engineering) & Mr. Dhanish Dharman (Head WT- Product Engineering).

His internship Duration with A.O. Smith was for **9 weeks**.

During his stint in A.O. Smith, he worked on the following projects:

Project 1: Designing of A.O. Smith's new 3-liter Instant water heater as per the briefing given by the WH team. He was guided by Dr. Neeraj Gupta (Director) and Mr. Rajesh Bhakta (WH-HOD) in this project. The design was presented and approved by the engineering & marketing team before being finalized.

Project 2: Designing of A.O. Smith's new VAS-10L and HAS-RH-10L water heater. The design was modelled and was handed over to the engineering team for final changes as per the guidance and briefing given by Dr. Neeraj Gupta (Director) & Basavraj Sankhgond (Assistant Manager-Design). The design was presented and approved by the engineering & marketing team before being finalized.

Project 3: Redesigning of A.O. Smith's 6L SHS storage water heater as per the guidance and briefing given by Mr. Rajesh Bhakta (WH-HOD) & Chandra Mahesh (Assistant Manager-Design). The design was shortlisted as a future prospect for the current design.

Project 4: Designing of A.O. Smith's new compact UV+ SAPC water purifier. Providing a new product design and alternate redesigns for the faucet as per guidance and briefing given by Dr. Neeraj Gupta (Director) & Dhanish Dharman (HOD-WT). The designed was modelled and handed over to the engineering department for development.

Along with the above projects, he was involved in ideating for several water heater and water purifier categories. He was also Involved in providing service cover sticker designs for A.O. Smith's VAS water heaters.



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Feedback from the project guides:

Dr. Neeraj Gupta (Director R&D – WH & WT):

Mr. Rishikesh showed quality involvement in our ongoing projects and contributed to the design of several A. O. Smith water heaters & water purifiers. His outcomes were consistent and fit the product guidelines that we provided him with. He was able to coordinate with the engineering team to produce relevant outcomes that have the potential to be considered for our future product portfolio.

Mr. Dhanish Dharman (Senior Manager Engineering-WT):

We got very little time to work with Mr. Rishikesh Sonawane but in this short period, he showed his creativity and his passion for work. During his tenure with AO Smith India, he created some good concepts for our products considering market trends and competitor benchmarks. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors. It was nice working with him.

Mr. Rajesh Bhakta (Head of Department-WH):

Mr. Rishikesh did full justice to the Design Brief given to him during his internship. He was very quick to grasp the A. O. Smith brand values and consistently gave the Water Heater team the deliverables they aspired for. His skill in providing the edge in form and finish over completion is commendable. Given an opportunity, we would be happy to engage with Rishikesh anytime.

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Place of work: A.O. Smith India Water Products Pvt. Ltd, KIADB Industrial Area, Harohalli, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 562112.


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