

ANIXTER INTERNATIONAL INC
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LETHAM DENNIS J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ANIXTER INTERNATIONAL INC [AXE]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/15/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive VP-Finance & CFO

C/O ANIXTER INTERNATIONAL INC., 2301 PATRIOT BLVD

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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GLENVIEW, IL 60026

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (D) Price (A) or (D)			
Common Stock	10/15/2008		M	4,750 (1) A \$ 17.47	142,607 (2)	D	

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8 D S (
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options to purchase common stock	\$ 17.47	10/15/2008		M	4,750	02/18/2001 02/18/2010	Common stock		4,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LETHAM DENNIS J C/O ANIXTER INTERNATIONAL INC. 2301 PATRIOT BLVD GLENVIEW, IL 60026			Executive VP-Finance & CFO	

Signatures

Michele Nelson, by power of attorney
Date: 10/16/2008
Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) These shares covered by this Form 4 have been obtained pursuant to the exercise of an option under a Rule 10b5-1(c) plan dated May 2, 2008.
- (2) Total Includes 52,504 common stock units.

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