

ANIXTER INTERNATIONAL INC

Form 4

October 16, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	10/15/2008		M	(A) or (D) A	Amount 4,750 (1) Price \$ 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 (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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. D S (
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
						Code	V	(A)	(D)	
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
10/16/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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