

ANIXTER INTERNATIONAL INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)

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

Executive VP-Finance & CFO

**C/O ANIXTER INTERNATIONAL INC., 2301 PATRIOT BLVD**

10/15/2008

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

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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