

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BUCKINGHAM CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>485 LEXINGTON AVENUE</u> <u>3RD FL</u>  (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10017</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>XCel Brands, Inc. [ xelb ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/22/2014</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)		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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	12/22/2014		P		400,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$9	1,576,581	I	See Footnote 2 & 3 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>

**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. 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Purchase of restricted shares of common stock of the Issuer in a private placement described on the Issuer's Form 8-K filed on December 24, 2014.
2. This statement is being filed by Buckingham Capital Management, Inc. and Buckingham Research Group Incorporated. Buckingham Capital Management, Inc. is a registered investment adviser which acts as the general partner and investment manager for various private investment funds and which also manages other accounts on a discretionary basis that directly hold the securities reported herein. Buckingham Research Group Incorporated, a registered broker-dealer, is the parent company of Buckingham Capital Management, Inc.
3. Each of Buckingham Capital Management, Inc. and Buckingham Research Group Incorporated disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein, except to the extent of such person's pecuniary interest therein, if any, and, pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each such person states that the inclusion of the securities reported herein shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

Peter D. Goldstein 05/21/2015

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).

\*\* 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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