

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Haran James</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O XCEL BRANDS, INC.,</u> <u>475 10TH AVENUE, 4TH FLOOR</u> (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10018</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/29/2011</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>XCel Brands, Inc. [NFBH]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>	5. 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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>156,703</u>	<u>D</u>	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Warrants</u>	<u>09/29/2011</u>	<u>09/29/2021</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>49,500</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Warrants</u>	<u>09/29/2011</u>	<u>09/29/2016</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>0.01</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ James F. Haran10/07/2011

** 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 5 (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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