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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Falco Giuseppe | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol XCel Brands, Inc. [XELB] | | | | | | | | | Check | ationship of Reporti k all applicable) Director Officer (give title | | ng Person(s) to Iss 10% Ov Other (s | | wner | |
|--|--|------|---|---|---|---|---------------------|--|---------|---|---------|---------------|--------------------|--|---|---|---|--|------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O XCEL BRANDS, INC., 1333 BROADWAY, 10TH FLOOR | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2016 | | | | | | | | | X | below) See Remarks | | | | | | | |
| (Street) NEW YO | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| | | Tabl | e I - Nor | า-Deriv | ative | Se | curitie | s Ac | quired, | Dis | posed o | f, or | Ben | eficia | ally | Owne | ed | | | |
| Date | | | | ite E onth/Day/Year) if | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) | | ties Acquired (A) I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | 4 and S | | ount of ties cially d Following ted | 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 | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | . , | |
| Common Stock 09/3 | | | | | 0/2016 | | | | | | 17,85 | 0 D : | | \$4. | 1.99 25 | | 53,912 | D | | |
| | 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) | erivative Conversion Date Execution Date, curity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | 4. Transa Code (8) | (Instr. Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | ative rities ired osed . 3, 4 | Expiration (Month/E | te Exercisable and ration Date th/Day/Year) Expiration cisable Date | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun or Numbe of | | ount nber | - | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Owners Form: Direct (or India (I) (Inst | D) ect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents the surrender of shares to the issuer in payment of tax liability incident to the vesting of restricted stock

Remarks:

President and Chief Operating Officer of the Isaac Mizrahi Brand

/s/ Giuseppe Falco 10/04/2016

** 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).
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