

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Slater Todd</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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | 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

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| 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) |
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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) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| <u>Options</u> | <u>(1)</u> | <u>10/17/2016</u> | <u>Common Stock</u> | <u>50,000</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>D</u> | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Exercisable as to 16,667 shares on October 17, 2011, 16,667 shares on October 17, 2012 and 16,666 shares on October 17, 2013.

/s/ Todd Slater10/24/2011

** 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).

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