FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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|                        | nd Address of          | Reporting Person*        |   |            |                               | r Name <b>ar</b><br>Brands               |            |                                     | -      | ymbol          |                             |                               |                                     | elationship o                           |                           | g Perso                                  | . ,   |                         |
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| -                      |                        |                          |   | —          |                               |  |            |                                     |        |                |                             |                               | >                                   | Officer (<br>below)                     | (give title               |  | Other (s<br>below)                              | pecify                  |
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| C/O XCEL BRANDS,INC.   |                        |                          |   |            | 02/28/2019                    |  |            |                                     |        |                |                             | EVP of BD Treasurer Secretary |                                     |   |                           |  |   |                         |
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|                        |                        | Та                       | ble I - Non   | ı-Derivat  | ive S                         | ecuritie                                 | s Ac       | quired                              | Dis    | posed o        | of, or                      | Bene                          | ficially                            | Owned                                   |                           |  |   |                         |
| 1. Title of            | Security (Ins          | tr. 3)                   |   | 2. Transac |                               |  |            | 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A)       |        |                |                             |                               |                                     |   |                           | 7. Nature of                             |   |                         |
|                        |                        |                          | Date<br>(Month/Da                                       | //Year)    | Execution Date                |  | Code (Inst |                                     |        |                | 3, 4 and                    | Securities<br>Beneficia       | eficially (D) oned Following (I) (I |   | or Indirect<br>(Instr. 4) | Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |   |                         |
|                        |                        |                          |   |            |                               | ay/Yea                                   |            |                                     |        |                |                             | Owned Fo                      |                                     |   |                           |  |   |                         |
|                        |                        |                          |   |            |                               |  |            | Code                                | V      | Amount         | (.                          | A) or<br>D)                   | Price                               | Transacti                               | on(s)                     |  | - 1'  | iiisii. 4)              |
|                        |                        |                          |   |            |                               |  |            | Code                                | ľ      | Amount         | (1                          | D)                            | 11100                               | (Instr. 3 a                             | nd 4)                     |  |   |                         |
| Common                 | Stock                  |                          |   |            |                               |  |            |                                     |        |                |                             |                               |                                     | 319,                                    | ,126                      |  | D   |                         |
|                        |                        |                          | Table II - I  | Derivativ  | e Sec                         | curities                                 | Aca        | uired. I                            | Disn   | osed of        | or B                        | enefi                         | cially (                            | Owned                                   |                           |  |   |                         |
|                        |                        |                          |   | e.g., put  |                               |  |            |                                     |        |                |                             |                               |                                     | o miou                                  |                           |  |   |                         |
| 1. Title of            | 2.                     | 3. Transaction           | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Ye | 4.         |                               | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities |            | 6. Date Exercisable and             |        |                | 7. Title and Amo            |                               | mount                               | 8. Price of                             | 9. Numbe                  |  | 10.   | 11. Nature              |
| Derivative<br>Security | Conversion or Exercise | Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   |            | action<br>(Instr.             |  |            | Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |        |                | of Securities<br>Underlying |                               |                                     | Derivative<br>Security                  | derivative<br>Securities  |  | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect | Beneficial<br>Ownership |
| (Instr. 3)             | Price of<br>Derivative |                          |   | /ear) 8) ` |                               | Acquired (A) or Disposed                 |            | (,                                  |        |                | Derivative Securi           |                               | curity                              | (Instr. 5)                              | Beneficially<br>Owned     |  |   |                         |
| Security               |                        |                          |   |            | of (D) (Instr.<br>3, 4 and 5) |  |            |                                     |        | (msu. 3 and 4) |                             | <del>•</del> )                |                                     | Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s) | g                         | (I) (Instr. 4)                           | (111511.4)                                      |                         |
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|                        |                        |                          |   |            |                               |  | ΙŢ         |                                     |        |                |                             | mount                         |                                     | (Instr. 4)                              | (-,                       |  |   |                         |
|                        |                        |                          |   |            |                               |  |            | Date                                | [      | xpiration      |                             | OI<br>N                       | umber                               |   |                           |  |   |                         |
|                        |                        |                          |   | Code       | v                             | (A)                                      | (D)        | Exercisa                            | ole [  | Date           | Title                       | Of                            | Shares                              |   |                           |  |   |                         |
| Stock<br>Options       | \$1.7                  | 02/28/2019               |   | A          |                               | 368,421                                  |            | (1)                                 |        | 2/28/2029      | Comm                        |                               | 68,421                              | \$0                                     | 368,43                    | 21                                       | D   |                         |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The option vests as the Registrant's common stock achieves the following price targets (price/shares): (i) \$3.00/105,263 shares; (ii) \$5.00/89,474 shares; (iii) \$7.00/73,684 shares; (iv) \$9.00/57,895 shares; and (v) \$11.00/42,105 shares.

/s/ Seth Burroughs

03/01/2019

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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