

XCEL BRANDS, INC.

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FRANCIS MICHAEL

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	475 10TH AVENUE 4TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10018
Telephone	(347) 727-2474
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Symbol	XELB
SIC Code	6794 - Patent Owners and Lessors
Industry	Apparel & Accessories Retailers
Sector	Consumer Cyclical
Fiscal Year	12/31

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FRANCIS MICHAEL (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O XCEL BRANDS, INC., 475 10TH AVENUE, 4TH FLOOR (Street) NEW YORK, NY 10018 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol XCel Brands, Inc. [XELB]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">3/31/2017</p>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	3/31/2017		A		8000	(1)	A	\$0	91000	D

Table II - Derivative Securities 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. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option	\$2.70	3/31/2017		A		25000		(2)	3/31/2022	Common Stock	25000	\$0	25000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(Represents shares of restricted stock awarded pursuant to a restricted stock award agreement, which vests as to 50% of the shares on each of March 31, 2018 1) and 2019, provided that the reporting person may extend the vesting date as to all or a portion of the shares, on one or more occasions, in six month increments, in his sole discretion.

(2) The option vests as to 50% of the shares on each of March 31, 2018 and 2019

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FRANCIS MICHAEL C/O XCEL BRANDS, INC., 475 10TH AVENUE, 4TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10018	X			

Signatures

/s/ Michael R. Francis

4/3/2017

**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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