

ANIXTER INTERNATIONAL INC

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) March 15, 2001

ANIXTER INTERNATIONAL INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware	1-5989	94-1658138
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

4711 Golf Road, Skokie, Illinois	60076
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (847) 677-2600

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On March 15, 2001, Anixter International Inc. (the "Company") announced that its ongoing program to repurchase its common stock has been increased to permit the purchase of an additional 1 million shares. This announcement follows a similar announcement on February 23, 2001 for 1 million shares, which repurchase has now been completed.

The Company has approximately 36.2 million shares out- standing.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release, dated March 15, 2001, issued by the Company.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ANIXTER INTERNATIONAL INC.
(Registrant)

Date: March 15, 2001

By: /s/ Rodney A. Shoemaker

Rodney A. Shoemaker
Vice President -
Treasurer

EXHIBIT INDEX

**EXHIBIT
NO. DESCRIPTION**

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EXHIBIT 99.1

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2001**

**ANIXTER INTERNATIONAL
ADDS TO SHARE AUTHORIZATION
UNDER ONGOING REPURCHASE PROGRAM**

SKOKIE, IL., MARCH 15, 2001 - Anixter International Inc. (NYSE:AXE) today announced that its ongoing program to repurchase its common stock has been increased to permit the purchase of an additional 1 million shares. This announcement follows a similar announcement on February 23, 2001 for 1 million shares which has now been completed.

Anixter currently has approximately 36.2 million shares outstanding.

Founded in 1957, Anixter International is the world's leading distributor of products that connect businesses to today's digital networks, with 5,900 employees serving customers from 175 cities in 41 countries.

Additional information about Anixter is available on the Internet at www.anixter.com and www.frbinc.com

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