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ANIXTER INTERNATIONAL INC  
Form 8-K  
March 16, 2001

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  
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ANIXTER INTERNATIONAL INC.

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(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  
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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.

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The Company has approximately 36.2 million shares outstanding.

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

(c) Exhibits.

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

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SIGNATURES

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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)

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Date: March 15, 2001

By: /s/ Rodney A. Shoemaker  
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Rodney A. Shoemaker  
Vice President -  
Treasurer

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