

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>PARHAM JOSEPH G JR</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.</u> <u>1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400</u> (Street) <u>ATLANTA GA 30309</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Senior Vice President HR</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/31/2007</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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	01/31/2007		M		11,705	A	\$19.76	36,469	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2007		M		10,223	A	\$16.5	46,692	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2007		M		8,442	A	\$23.69	55,134	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/31/2007		F		982	D	\$58.01	54,152 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock								195	I	by 401(k)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)		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: 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
Employee Stock Option	\$16.5	01/31/2007		M			10,223	(3)	10/23/2010	Common Stock	10,223	\$0	0	D		
Employee Stock Option	\$19.76	01/31/2007		M			11,705		05/14/2004	05/14/2010	Common Stock	11,705	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$23.69	01/31/2007		M			8,442		12/18/2006	12/17/2013	Common Stock	8,442	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The transaction(s) being reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction includes 9,685 time-vesting restricted shares and 1,217 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.
- This option vested in equal annual installments over a four-year period and was fully vested on October 24, 2004.

By: Jill A. Gilmer, under Power of Attorney For: Joseph G. Parham 02/02/2007

** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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