FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BROWNING PETER C					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]							Relationship heck all appl X Direct	icable)	Person(s) to Is	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2006							Office below	r (give title)	Other (below)	specify
1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
(Street)	ΓA G	A 3	30309									X Form	filed by More t	Reporting Perso	
(City)	(Si	ate) (Zip)												
		Tab	le I - Non-D	Derivat	ive S	ecuriti	es A	cquired, D	isposed	of, or Be	eneficia	lly Owne	d		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Execution Date			Date, Transaction Dispos Code (Instr. 5)		urities Acquired (A) sed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		Benefic	es Formally (D) (Sollowing (I) (I	Ownership orm: Direct O) or Indirect) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
								Code	/ Amour	t (A) (D)	Price	Tranca	ction(s)		(11301.4)
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/Ye	Co	, Transaction Code (Instr.		vative urities uired or osed o) r. 3, 4	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((Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Co	de V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	(2)	02/01/2006		A	A	230		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	230	\$38.1	9,715	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Stock Units are accrued under the Issuer's Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Stock Unit Plan and are payable in cash upon retirement in either lump sum or five annual installments. Accruals include required and elective deferral of director fees and reinvestment of dividend equivalents. During the Reporting Period, dividends earned and fees paid to the Reporting Person resulted in an increase in the number of units held.
- 2. 1-for-1
- 3. Stock Units issued pursuant to the Plan are payable in cash upon retirement in either a lump sum or five annual installments.

<u>Peter C. Browning</u> <u>02/01/2006</u>

** 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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