

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MORGAN JOHN K</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE</u> <u>SUITE 2400</u>  (Street) <u>ATLANTA GA 30309</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACUIY 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>President &amp; Chief Dev. Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/20/2004</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	01/19/2004		F		177 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$25.18	38,741	D	
Common Stock	01/20/2004		A		2,154 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$0	40,895	D	
Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>	01/20/2004		A		20,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	A	\$0	60,895	D	
Common Stock								4,810	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					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Shares withheld by Issuer in payment of withholding tax due on vesting of restricted shares.
- Represents receipt of restricted shares awarded under the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan upon the achievement of a specified performance target. The restricted shares will vest in equal annual installments in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.
- The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions includes 40,050 time-vesting restricted shares.
- Represents restricted shares awarded by the company that vest in a lump sum four years from the award date.

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\*\* 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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