

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>HEAGLE JAMES H</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>Executive Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/17/2006</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	01/17/2006		M		16,603	A	\$23.69	51,814	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		303	D	\$36.31	51,511 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		200	D	\$36.28	51,311 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		100	D	\$36.25	51,211 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		100	D	\$36.22	51,111 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		200	D	\$36.2	50,911 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		100	D	\$36.19	50,811 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		200	D	\$36.17	50,611 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		300	D	\$36.16	50,311 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		500	D	\$36.15	49,811 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		200	D	\$36.14	49,611 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		2,900	D	\$36.13	46,711 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		100	D	\$36.12	46,611 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		400	D	\$36.11	46,211 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		700	D	\$36.1	45,511 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		1,300	D	\$36.09	44,211 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		1,500	D	\$36.08	42,711 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		600	D	\$36.07	42,111 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		900	D	\$36.06	41,211 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		400	D	\$36.05	40,811 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		500	D	\$36.04	40,311 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		800	D	\$36.03	39,511 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		1,600	D	\$36.02	37,911 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2006		S		2,700	D	\$36.01	35,211 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock								203	I	by 401(k)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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
Employee Stock Option	\$23.69	01/17/2006		M		16,603	(2)	12/17/2013	Common Stock	16,603	\$0	33,205	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction includes 18,535 time-vesting restricted shares.
- This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period and will become fully vested on December 18, 2006.

James H. Heagle 01/18/2006

** 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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