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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>NAGEL VERNON J</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 1170 PEACHTREE STREET NE SUITE 2300  (Street) ATLANTA GA 30309  (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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chairman, President, and CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/23/2013	
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 <sup>(1)</sup>	10/23/2013		F		3,834	D	\$103.5	191,516 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/24/2013		F		5,181	D	\$103.74	186,335 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(4)</sup>	10/24/2013		A		20,560	A	\$0	206,895 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								80,000	I	by Trust

**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
Non-Qualified Stock Option <sup>(6)</sup>	\$103.74	10/24/2013		A		31,036		(7)	10/23/2023	Common Stock	31,036	\$0	31,036	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The transaction(s) reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- The total direct shares owned includes 84,803 time-vesting restricted shares.
- The total direct shares owned includes 74,000 time-vesting restricted shares.
- The shares being reported result from the award of restricted stock pursuant to the 2012 Omnibus Stock Incentive Compensation Plan.
- The total direct shares owned includes 94,560 time-vesting restricted shares.
- The shares being reported result from the award of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the 2012 Omnibus Stock Incentive Compensation Plan.
- This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period.

**Remarks:**

Vernon J. Nagel

10/24/2013

\*\* 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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