

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
HEAGLE	JAMES	H.	ACUITY BRANDS, INC. (AYI)			[] Director [] 10% Owner		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year		
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.	1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE		01/20/2003			[X] Officer (give title below) [] Other (specify below)		
SUITE 2400						Executive Vice President; President and CEO of Acuity Specialty Products		
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
ATLANTA	GEORGIA	30309				[X] Form filed by One Reporting Person [] Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (MM/DD/YY)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (MM/DD/YY)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK	1/20/03	1/20/03	F		150(FN 1)	D	\$13.75	6,670 (FN 2)	D	
COMMON STOCK								249	I	401(k)

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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 (MM/DD/YY)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (MM/DD/YY)	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 (MM/DD/YY)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTIONS									
STOCK UNITS (FN 4)	1 for 1					(FN 4)		(FN 4)	(FN 4)

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Common Stock			234,448 (FN 3)	D	
Common Stock			389 (FN 4)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

FN 1. Shares returned to Issuer in payment of withholding tax due on vesting of Restricted Shares.

FN 2. Includes 890 performance-based, time-vesting restricted shares.

FN 3. Represents total options held at various exercise prices and grant dates as of the Reporting Date.

FN 4. Stock Units held in Acuity Brands Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan that will be paid in cash according to the plan's provisions.

/s/ James H. Heagle

01/22/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.
If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.