

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>MURPHY KENYON W</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 (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) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Sr. Vice Pres. & Gen. Counsel</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/09/2006</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	01/09/2006		M		11,927	A	\$16.5	45,138	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		200	D	\$36.39	44,938 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		400	D	\$36.38	44,538 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		300	D	\$36.35	44,238 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		300	D	\$36.34	43,938 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		200	D	\$36.33	43,738 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		500	D	\$36.32	43,238 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		205	D	\$36.3	43,033 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		200	D	\$36.29	42,833 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		300	D	\$36.27	42,533 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		1,700	D	\$36.24	40,833 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		200	D	\$36.23	40,633 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		300	D	\$36.22	40,333 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		800	D	\$36.2	39,533 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		1,000	D	\$36.19	38,533 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		200	D	\$36.18	38,333 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		600	D	\$36.17	37,733 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		500	D	\$36.16	37,233 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		700	D	\$36.15	36,533 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		722	D	\$36.14	35,811 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		800	D	\$36.12	35,011 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		1,200	D	\$36.09	33,811 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	01/09/2006		S		600	D	\$36.08	33,211 ⁽¹⁾	D	
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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)	4. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	5. Code		6. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	7. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	8. Title and Amount of Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	9. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	10. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
				(A)	(D)						
Employee Stock Option	\$16.5	01/09/2006		M		11,927	10/24/2004 10/23/2010	Common Stock		9,862	D

Explanation of Responses:

1. The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions include 14,861 time-vesting restricted shares.

Kenyon W. Murphy 01/11/2006

** 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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