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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>ASHE NEIL</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.</u> <u>1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE, SUITE 2300</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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>President &amp; CEO</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/31/2020</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			

**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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$117.87	01/31/2020		A		200,000		(1)	01/31/2030	Common Stock	200,000	\$0	200,000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$127.87	01/31/2020		A		200,000		(2)	01/31/2030	Common Stock	200,000	\$0	200,000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Price Target)	\$117.87	01/31/2020		A		100,000		(3)	01/31/2030	Common Stock	100,000	\$0	100,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- This option vests ratably over a three-year period and will become fully vested on January 31, 2023.
- This premium-priced option vests ratably over a three-year period and will become fully vested on January 31, 2023.
- This option will vest and become exercisable after the attainment of two independent conditions: (1) four-year ratable vesting from the Grant Date (25,000 shares on January 31 in each of 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024); and (2) the closing price of the Company's common stock reaching \$225 and remaining at or above \$225 for ten consecutive trading days at any time following the Grant Date and prior to the expiration date, January 31, 2030.

**Remarks:**

Jill A. Gilmer, as Power of Attorney for Neil Ashe 01/30/2020

\*\* 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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