



## **Acuity Brands Declares Quarterly Dividend**

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ATLANTA, Dec 20, 2001 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- The board of directors of Acuity Brands, Inc. (NYSE: AYI) today declared a quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share. The dividend is payable on February 1, 2002 to shareholders of record on January 17, 2002. This is the first dividend declared by the newly traded company since its launch on November 30, 2001.

Acuity Brands, Inc., whose businesses had fiscal year 2001 sales of approximately \$2.0 billion, is comprised of the Acuity Lighting Group and Acuity Specialty Products. The Acuity Lighting Group is the world's largest lighting fixture manufacturer and includes brands such as Lithonia(R), Holophane(R), Peerless(R), and Hydrel(R). Acuity Specialty Products is a leading provider of specialty chemicals and includes brands such as Zep(R), Enforcer(R), and Selig(TM). Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Acuity Brands employs 11,800 people and has operations throughout North America and in Europe.

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