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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BROWNING PETER C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACUITY BRANDS INC</u> [AYI]		tionship of Reporting P all applicable) Director	erson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner
(Last) (First) 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400		(Middle) T, NE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2005		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable	
(Street) ATLANTA	GA	30309		X	Form filed by One Re Form filed by More th Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)				

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)					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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(msu. 4)

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. Transa Code (8)		5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) of Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5	rities lired r osed) 1. 3, 4	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	ate	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				
Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	(2)	08/01/2005		A		46		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	46	\$28.55	8,776	D	
Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	(2)	08/01/2005		Α		306		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	306	\$28.55	9,082	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Stock Units are accrued under the Issuer's Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Stock Unit Plan and are payable in cash upon retirement in either lump sum or five annual installments. Accruals include required and elective deferral of director fees and reinvestment of dividend equivalents. During the Reporting Period, dividends earned and fees paid to the Reporting Person resulted in an increase in the number of units held.

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3. Stock Units issued pursuant to the Plan are payable in cash upon retirement in either a lump sum or five annual installments.

08/03/2005

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

Peter C. Browning

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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