

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL 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

[] Form 3 Holdings Reported

[] Form 4 Transactions Reported

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)	
HONEYCUTT KENNETH W.			ACUITY BRANDS, INC. (AYI)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Exec. Vice President, Acuity Brands, Inc.; President and Chief Exec. Officer of Acuity Lighting Group, Inc.	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Year	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)	
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400						
(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
ATLANTA	GEORGIA		30309	<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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
COMMON STOCK					27,579 (FN 1)	D	

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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 (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)
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$20.72	9/19/92	9/19/92	A	3,511 (FN2)	Immed. 9/18/02
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$22.42	9/21/94	9/21/94	A	7,023 (FN3)	Immed. 9/20/04
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$26.27	9/20/95	9/20/95	A	7,023 (FN3)	Immed. 9/19/05
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$32.46	9/17/96	9/17/96	A	2,926 (FN4)	Immed. 9/16/06
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$37.85	9/23/97	9/23/97	A	4,682 (FN5)	Immed. 9/22/07
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$29.95	9/22/98	9/22/98	A	5,267 (FN6)	(FN6) 9/21/08
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$23.65	1/5/00	1/5/00	A	7,023 (FN7)	(FN7) 1/4/10

EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$16.50	10/24/00	10/24/00	A	64,850 (FN8)	(FN8)	10/23/10
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$13.80	12/3/01	12/3/01	A	160,000 (FN9)	(FN9)	12/2/11
STOCK UNITS (FN10)	1 FOR 1	12/31/01	12/31/01	A	873 (FN11)	(FN11)	(FN11)
		TO 8/1/02	TO 8/1/02				
STOCK UNITS (FN10)	1 FOR 1	1/1/02	1/1/02	I	272 (FN12)	(FN12)	(FN12)

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 Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership 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 SHARES	3,511	N/A	D	
COMMON SHARES	7,023	N/A	D	
COMMON SHARES	7,023	N/A	D	
COMMON SHARES	2,926	N/A	D	
COMMON SHARES	4,682	N/A	D	
COMMON SHARES	5,267	N/A	D	
COMMON SHARES	7,023	N/A	D	
COMMON SHARES	64,850	N/A	D	
COMMON SHARES	160,000	N/A	D	
COMMON SHARES	873	N/A	D	
COMMON SHARES	272	N/A	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- FN 1. Includes 1,380 performance-based, time vesting restricted shares.
- FN 2. Represents an employee stock option granted by National Service Industries ("NSI") for 3,000 common shares which was subsequently replaced with an employee stock option for 3,511 common shares of the Issuer pursuant to a formula set forth in the Employee Benefits Agreement between NSI and Issuer in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI. Options relating to 3,511 shares are currently vested.
- FN 3. Represents an employee stock option granted by NSI for 6,000 common shares which was subsequently replaced with an employee stock option for 7,023 common shares of the Issuer pursuant to a formula set forth in the Employee Benefits Agreement between NSI and Issuer in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI. Options relating to 7,023 shares are currently vested.
- FN 4. Represents an employee stock option granted by NSI for 2,500 common shares which was subsequently replaced with an employee stock option for 2,926 common shares of the Issuer pursuant to a formula set forth in the Employee Benefits Agreement between NSI and Issuer in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI. Options relating to 2,926 shares are currently vested.
- FN 5. Represents an employee stock option granted by NSI for 4,000 common shares which was subsequently replaced with an employee stock option for 4,682 common shares of the Issuer pursuant to a formula set forth in the Employee Benefits Agreement between NSI and Issuer in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI. Options relating to 4,682 shares are currently vested.
- FN 6. Represents an employee stock option granted by NSI for 4,500 common shares which was subsequently replaced with an employee stock option for 5,267 common shares of the Issuer pursuant to a formula set forth in the Employee Benefits Agreement between NSI and Issuer in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI. Options relating to 3,950 shares are currently vested and options for an additional 1,317 shares will become exercisable on 9/22/2002.
- FN 7. Represents an employee stock option granted by NSI for 6,000 common shares which was subsequently replaced with an employee stock option for 7,023 common shares of the Issuer pursuant to a formula set forth in the Employee Benefits Agreement between NSI and Issuer in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI. Options relating to 3,511 shares are currently vested and options for an additional 1,756 shares will become exercisable on each of 1/5/2003 and 1/5/2004.
- FN 8. Represents an employee stock option granted by NSI for 55,400 common shares which was subsequently replaced with an employee stock option for 64,850 common shares of the Issuer pursuant to a formula set forth in the Employee Benefits Agreement between NSI and Issuer in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI. Options relating to 16,212 shares are currently vested and options for an additional 16,213 shares will become exercisable on 10/24/2002, 16,212 shares will become exercisable on 10/24/2003 and 16,213 shares will become exercisable on 10/24/2004.
- FN 9. This Option vests annually with 53,334 shares becoming exercisable on 12/3/2002, 53,333 shares becoming exercisable on 12/3/2003 and 53,333 shares becoming exercisable on 12/3/2004.
- FN 10. Stock Units held in Acuity Brands Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan that will be paid in cash according to the Plan's provisions.
- FN 11. During calendar 2001, Mr. Honeycutt elected a deferral resulting in a company contribution of 801 stock units on December 31, 2001 at a valuation price of \$12.10. In addition, during the period reported, dividends paid resulted in an increase of 72 stock units at valuation prices ranging from \$13.03 to \$18.48.
- FN 12. At December 31, 2001, Mr. Honeycutt requested a reallocation of his holdings resulting in the disposition of 272 stock units at a valuation price of \$12.10.
- FN 13. Represents an aggregate balance of Issuer stock units resulting from (a) 1,591 NSI stock units accrued pursuant to the NSI Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan which were subsequently replaced with 1,862 Issuer stock units in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI, and (b) the transactions reported on this Form 5.

/s/ Kenneth W. Honeycutt

10/14/02

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

** 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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