

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 30, 2005

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-16583
(Commission File Number)

58-2632672
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1170 Peachtree St., N.E., Suite 2400, Atlanta, GA
(Address of principal executive offices)

30309
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 404-853-1400

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Attached hereto is a press release issued by Acuity Brands, Inc. (the "Registrant") on March 30, 2005, relating to its quarterly dividend and conference call. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated March 30, 2005 (Filed with the Commission as part of this Form 8-K.)

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the Undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 1, 2005

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Vernon J. Nagel

Vernon J. Nagel

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

News Release



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**ACUITY BRANDS DECLARES
QUARTERLY DIVIDEND**

ATLANTA, March 30, 2005 – 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 May 2, 2005 to shareholders of record on April 15, 2005.

The Company will host a conference call on April 4, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. ET to discuss its fiscal year 2005 second quarter performance, following the announcement of quarterly results earlier that day. Vernon J. Nagel, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Acuity Brands, will lead the call. A live Webcast of the discussion will be accessible at the Company's Web site: www.acuitybrands.com. A replay of the conference call will also be posted and archived to that site within two hours of the completion of the call.

Acuity Brands, Inc., with fiscal year 2004 net sales of over \$2.1 billion, is comprised of Acuity Brands Lighting and Acuity Specialty Products. Acuity Brands Lighting is one of the world's leading providers of lighting fixtures and includes brands such as Lithonia Lighting®, Holophane®, Peerless®, Hydrel®, American Electric Lighting®, and Gotham®. Acuity Specialty Products is a leading provider of specialty chemicals and includes brands such as Zep®, Zep Commercial™, Enforcer®, and Selig™. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Acuity Brands employs approximately 10,000 people and has operations throughout North America and in Europe and Asia.