FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

OMB APPROVAL

3235-0287 OMB Number: Estimated average burden hours per response: 0.5

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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*  MORGAN JOHN K  (Last) (First) (Middle)  1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE  SUITE 2400  (Street)  ATLANTA GA 30309					3. D	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     ACUITY BRANDS INC [ AYI ]      3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     12/28/2004  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)											5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  President & Chief Dev. Officer  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(City)			(Zip)														Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
		Tab	le I - Nor	n-Deriv	ative	Se	curit	ies Ad	cqι	uired,	Dis	posed c	of, o	r Ben	eficia	lly Ov	nec	d			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						ar) l	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			3. Transa Code (I 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)				4 and Securiti Benefic Owned		es ially Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
										Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3		tion(s)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 12/28/						2004				М		5,500	0	A	\$13	8 73,		,953		D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 12/28/						4				S <sup>(2)</sup>		5,500	)	D	\$31	68,		,453		D	
Common Stock																4,918				by 401(k)	
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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				Ex	Date Exc piration lonth/Da	Date		Ame Sec Und Deri	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		Deriv Secui	Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e S Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Da Ex	ate xercisabl		xpiration ate	Title		Amount or Number of Shares						
Employee Stock	\$13.8	12/28/2004			M			5,500		(3)	1:	2/02/2011		nmon ock	5,500	\$	)	53,33	3	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions includes 43,819 time-vesting restricted shares.
- 2. The transaction(s) reported herein was(were) effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on July 26, 2004.
- 3. This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period.

12/28/2004 John K. Morgan

\*\* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.