

**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): October 5, 2004

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 October 5, 2004. 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 October 5, 2004 (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: October 5, 2004

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Vernon J. Nagel

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**ACUITY BRANDS
DECLARES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND AND
ANNOUNCES ANNUAL MEETING DATE**

ATLANTA, October 5, 2004 – The Board of Directors of Acuity Brands, Inc. (NYSE: AYI) declared a quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share. The dividend is payable on November 1, 2004 to shareholders of record on October 18, 2004.

In other news, Acuity Brands announced that it will hold its Annual Meeting of Stockholders at 1:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, January 6, 2005, in the Amphitheater at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center, 800 Spring Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia. The quarterly meeting of the Company's Board of Directors will also take place that day.

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 a world leader in 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[®], Enforcer[®], and Selig Industries[™]. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Acuity Brands employs approximately 11,000 people and has operations throughout North America and in Europe and Asia.