

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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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

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)		
HEAGLE	JAMES	H.	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 title below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year		
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400						10/02/2002		
(Street)						5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		
ATLANTA	GEORGIA	30309				7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting 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)	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 Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK (FN 1)	10/02/2002	A		3,686	A	\$14.00	6,820 (FN 2)	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially directly or indirectly.

*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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)	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)	
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$18.95	5/1/2000*	A		11,705 (FN 3)		(FN 3)	4/30/2010
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$16.50	10/24/2000*	A		62,743 (FN 4)		(FN 4)	10/23/2010
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$13.80	12/03/2001*	A		160,000		(FN 5)	12/02/2011
STOCK UNITS (FN 6)	1 for 1	01/01/2002*	I			151 (FN 7)	(FN 7)	(FN 7)
STOCK UNITS (FN 6)	1 for 1	12/1/01 to 8/31/02*	A		11 (FN 8)		(FN 8)	(FN 8)

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 Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Common Stock	11,705	N/A	11,705	D	
Common Stock	62,743	N/A	62,743	D	
Common Stock	160,000	N/A	160,000	D	
Common Stock	151	N/A		D	
Common Stock	11	N/A	384 (FN 9)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

* Deemed Transaction Date is the same as Transaction Date.

- FN 1. On October 2, 2002, 3,686 shares were awarded by the Issuer pursuant to the achievement of previously approved performance goals.
- FN 2. Includes 1,335 performance-based, time-vesting restricted shares and 186 shares held in the 401(k) Plan.
- FN 3. Represents an employee stock option granted by National Service Industries ("NSI") for 10,000 common shares which was subsequently replaced with an employee stock option for 11,705 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 5,852 shares are currently vested and options for an additional 2,926 shares will become exercisable on 5/1/2003 and 2,927 shares will become exercisable on 5/1/2004.
- FN 4. Represents an employee stock option granted by NSI for 53,600 common shares which was subsequently replaced with an employee stock option for 62,743 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 15,685 shares are currently vested and options for an additional 15,686 shares will become exercisable on each of 10/24/2002, 10/24/2003 and 10/24/2004.
- FN 5. This Option vests annually in three increments of 53,334, becoming exercisable on 12/3/2002, 12/3/2003 and 12/3/2004.
- FN 6. Stock Units held in Acuity Brands Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan that will be paid in cash according to the plan's provisions.
- FN 7. During December 2001, Mr. Heagle requested a reallocation of his holdings resulting in the disposition of 151 stock units at a valuation price of \$12.10.
- FN 8. During the period reported, dividends paid resulted in an increase of 11 stock units at valuation prices ranging from \$13.03 to \$18.48.
- FN 9. Represents an aggregate balance of Issuer stock units resulting from (a) 448 NSI stock units accrued pursuant to the NSI Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan which were subsequently replaced with 524 Issuer stock units in connection with the spin-off of the Issuer from NSI and, (b) the transactions on this report.

/s/ James H. Heagle	10/4/2002
** 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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