

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

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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[ ] 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)	
PARHAM	JOSEPH	G.	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) Senior Vice President, Human Resources	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Year	
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400					08/31/02	
(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)	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)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK							2,872 (FN 1)	D	
COMMON STOCK							294	D	401(k)

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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)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$19.76	5/15/00	5/15/00	A	11,705 (FN2)		Immed.	5/14/10
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$16.50	10/24/00	10/24/00	A	62,743 (FN3)		(FN3)	10/23/10
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$13.80	12/3/01	12/3/01	A	113,577 (FN4)		(FN4)	12/3/11

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	10. Ownership of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
COMMON SHARES	11,705	N/A	11,705	D	
COMMON SHARES	62,743	N/A	62,743	D	
COMMON SHARES	113,577	N/A	113,577	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- FN 1. Includes 1,092 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan and 1,335 performance-based, time-vesting restricted shares.
- FN 2. 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 11,705 shares are currently vested.
- FN 3. 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 4. This Option vests in three annual installments with 37,859 shares becoming exercisable on each of 12/3/2002, 12/3/2003 and 12/3/2004.

/s/ Joseph G. Parham

10/15/02

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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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