

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

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**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): August 14, 2007**

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**ACUITY BRANDS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of Company  
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)**

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 – Other Events.**

On August 14, 2007, Acuity Brands, Inc. (the “Company”) announced that the Company has been authorized to repurchase an additional 2,000,000 shares, or almost 5%, of the Company’s outstanding common stock. Also, at the end of the previous fiscal quarter, the Company had continuing authorization to buyback 368,300 shares of the Company’s stock under the repurchase program announced in June of 2006. Under the share repurchase programs, the Company expects to acquire shares primarily through open market transactions, subject to market conditions and other factors. The Company may enter into Rule 10b5-1 plans to facilitate open market repurchases under the programs.

**Item 9.01 – Financial Statements and Exhibits.****(d) Exhibits**

99.1 Press Release dated August 14, 2007 (Filed with the Commission as part of this Form 8-K).

Signatures

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: August 15, 2007

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Kenyon W. Murphy

Kenyon W. Murphy  
Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer,  
and General Counsel

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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## News Release

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## **Acuity Brands Announces Additional Stock Repurchase Program**

ATLANTA, August 14, 2007 (BUSINESS WIRE) — Acuity Brands, Inc. (NYSE: AYI) today announced that the Company has been authorized to repurchase an additional 2,000,000 shares, or almost 5%, of the Company's outstanding common stock. Also, at the end of the previous fiscal quarter, the Company had continuing authorization to buyback 368,300 shares of the Company's stock under the repurchase program announced in June of 2006. Under the share repurchase programs, the Company expects to acquire shares primarily through open market transactions, subject to market conditions and other factors. The Company may enter into Rule 10b5-1 plans to facilitate open market repurchases under the programs. A Rule 10b5-1 plan would generally permit the Company to repurchase shares at times when it might otherwise be prevented from doing so under certain securities laws provided the plan is adopted when the Company is not in possession of material non-public information. Shares repurchased under the programs may be retired or used for general corporate purposes, which may include the Company's share-based compensation and employee benefit plans.

Vernon J. Nagel, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Acuity Brands, said, "This additional share repurchase program is a reflection of our confidence in the Company's future and its ability to continue to generate strong cash flow from operations. We believe that repurchasing our shares represents a wise use of our cash flow, especially during periods of high stock price volatility, and also allows us to offset dilution resulting from our stock-based compensation and benefit programs. Additionally, we believe that the repurchase program supports Acuity Brands' objective to maximize long-term stockholder value, while continuing to fund investments to better serve our customers, to grow our businesses, and to improve our operating and financial performance."

Acuity Brands, Inc., with fiscal year 2006 net sales of approximately \$2.4 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<sup>®</sup>,

Holophane<sup>®</sup>, Peerless<sup>®</sup>, Hydrel<sup>®</sup>, American Electric Lighting<sup>®</sup>, Gotham<sup>®</sup>, Carandini<sup>®</sup>, SpecLight<sup>®</sup>, MetalOptics<sup>®</sup>, Antique Street Lamps<sup>™</sup>, and Mark Architectural Lighting<sup>®</sup>. Acuity Specialty Products is a leading provider of specialty chemicals and includes brands such as Zep<sup>®</sup>, Zep Commercial<sup>®</sup>, Enforcer<sup>®</sup>, and Selig<sup>™</sup>. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Acuity Brands employs approximately 10,000 people and has operations throughout North America and in Europe and Asia.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains forward-looking statements, within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements that may be considered forward-looking include statements incorporating terms such as “expects,” “believes,” “intends,” “anticipates,” “may,” and similar terms that relate to future events, performance, or results of the Company and specifically include statements regarding the Company’s expectations to repurchase shares in open market transactions. Forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the historical experience of Acuity Brands and management’s present expectations or projections. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, customer and supplier relationships and prices; competition; ability to realize anticipated benefits from initiatives taken and timing of benefits; market demand; litigation and other contingent liabilities; and economic, political, governmental, and technological factors affecting the Company’s operations, tax rate, markets, products, services, and prices, among others. Please see the other risk factors more fully described in the Company’s SEC filings including the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 10, 2007.