

**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): January 10, 2008**

**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)

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))

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**Item 2.01. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 10, 2008, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of 13 cents per share. A copy of the press release announcing this action was issued on January 10, 2008 and is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated January 10, 2008 (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: January 11, 2008

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Richard K. Reece

Richard K. Reece

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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## News Release



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**ACUITY BRANDS DECLARES  
QUARTERLY DIVIDEND**

ATLANTA, January 10, 2008 – The Board of Directors of Acuity Brands, Inc. (NYSE: AYI) today declared a quarterly dividend of 13 cents per share (an annualized rate of 52 cents per share). The dividend is payable on February 1, 2008 to shareholders of record on January 21, 2008. This represents a decrease of 2 cents per share and reflects the Company's previously announced plans to adjust the dividend amount following the spin-off of the specialty products business, now known as Zep Inc. (Zep), in anticipation that the future annual dividend amount paid by Zep combined with the future annual dividend amount paid by Acuity Brands would equal the annual dividend amount paid by Acuity Brands prior to the spin-off.

Acuity Brands, Inc. owns and operates Acuity Brands Lighting. With fiscal year 2007 net sales of approximately \$2.0 billion, 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>, Mark Architectural Lighting<sup>™</sup>, Hydrel<sup>®</sup>, American Electric Lighting<sup>®</sup>, Gotham<sup>®</sup>, Carandini<sup>®</sup>, SpecLighting<sup>®</sup>, MetalOptics<sup>®</sup> and Antique Street Lamps<sup>™</sup>. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Acuity Brands employs approximately 7,000 associates and has operations throughout North America and in Europe and Asia.