

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MURPHY KENYON W</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACUITY BRANDS INC [ AYI ]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP, CAO and General Counsel</u>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/10/2007</u>					
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)					
ATLANTA	GA	30309						

**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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/10/2007		M		500	A	\$23.69	33,496	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007		S		500	D	\$51.04	32,996	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007		M		3,133	A	\$31.99	36,129	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007		S		3,133	D	\$51.01	32,996	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007		M		800	A	\$23.69	33,796	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007		M		2,200	A	\$23.69	35,996	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007		M		8,767	A	\$23.69	44,763	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007		M		400	A	\$23.69	45,163	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007		M		2,867	A	\$31.99	48,030	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007		S		800	D	\$51.03	47,230	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007		S		2,200	D	\$51.02	45,030	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007		S		8,767	D	\$51.01	36,263	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007		S		400	D	\$51	35,863	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2007		S		2,867	D	\$51	32,996 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
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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)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option	\$23.69	10/10/2007		M			500	(2)	12/17/2013	Common Stock	500	\$0	12,167	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$23.69	10/10/2007		M			800	(2)	12/17/2013	Common Stock	800	\$0	11,367	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$23.69	10/10/2007		M			2,200	(2)	12/17/2013	Common Stock	2,200	\$0	9,167	D	

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Employee Stock Option	\$23.69	10/10/2007		M			8,767	(2)	12/17/2013	Common Stock	8,767	\$0	400	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$23.69	10/10/2007		M			400	(2)	12/17/2013	Common Stock	400	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$31.99	10/10/2007		M			3,133	(3)	11/30/2015	Common Stock	3,133	\$0	14,867	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$31.99	10/10/2007		M			2,867	(3)	11/30/2015	Common Stock	2,867	\$0	12,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions include 19,106 time-vesting restricted shares.
- This option granted pursuant to the Issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plan, vests in equal annual installments over a three year period, and became fully vested on December 18, 2006.
- This option was granted pursuant to the Issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plan, will vest in equal annual installments over a three year period, and will become fully vested on December 1, 2008.

Kenyon W. Murphy                      10/12/2007

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

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

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

\*\* 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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