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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>NAGEL VERNON J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1170 PEACHTREE STREET NE</u> <u>SUITE 2300</u> (Street) <u>ATLANTA</u> <u>GA</u> <u>30309</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chairman, President, and CEO</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/23/2015</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | |

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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/23/2015 | | F | | 3,834 | D | \$0 | 193,697 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/24/2015 | | F | | 5,181 | D | \$0 | 188,516 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10/24/2015 | | F | | 2,466 | D | \$0 | 186,050 ⁽⁴⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | 80,000 | I | by Trust |

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) |
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| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The transaction(s) reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
2. The total direct shares owned includes 49,956 time-vesting restricted shares.
3. The total direct shares owned includes 39,153 time-vesting restricted shares.
4. The total direct shares owned includes 34,011 time-vesting restricted shares.

Remarks:

/s/ Vernon J. Nagel
** Signature of Reporting Person

10/25/2015
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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