

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) October 9, 2002

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-16583

No. 58-2632672

(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) File Number) Identification No.)

1170 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Suite 2400, Atlanta, GA

30309

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (404) 853-1400

None

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. Other Events.

Attached hereto is a press release issued by Acuity Brands, Inc. (the "Registrant") on October 9, 2002. A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

None.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

None.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
99.1	Press Release, issued by Registrant on October 9, 2002.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 9, 2002

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

BY: /S/ VERNON J. NAGEL

Vernon J. Nagel
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit 99.1

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ACUITY BRANDS ANNOUNCES
ANNUAL MEETING DATE

ATLANTA, October 9, 2002 - Acuity Brands, Inc. (NYSE: AYI) announced today that it will hold its annual meeting of shareholders at 1:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, December 19, 2002. The meeting will take place at the Chambers Amphitheatre of the Renaissance Waverly Hotel, 2450 Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia. The quarterly meeting of the company's Board of Directors will occur that day.

Acuity Brands, Inc., whose businesses had fiscal year 2002 sales of approximately \$2.0 billion, is comprised of the Acuity Lighting Group and Acuity Specialty Products. The Acuity Lighting Group is the world's leading lighting fixture manufacturer and includes brands such as Lithonia(R), Holophane(R), Peerless(R), and Hydrel(R). Acuity Specialty Products is a leading provider of specialty chemicals and includes brands such as Zep(R), Enforcer(R), and Selig(TM). Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Acuity Brands employs 11,800 people and has operations throughout North America and in Europe.