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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MURPHY KENYON W</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle)  (Street)  (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) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Sr. VP &amp; General Counsel</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>06/25/2003</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/25/2003		A		2,375 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	A	0	5,054 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	

**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
Stock Units <sup>(2)(5)</sup>	0 <sup>(5)</sup>	06/25/2003		A		2,375 <sup>(2)(5)</sup>		08/08/1988 <sup>(5)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	2,375	\$16.82	3,415	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- In addition to the common shares reported herein, the Reporting Person holds 1,011 shares indirectly (23 by his sons and 988 shares in the company's 401K plan).
- Issued upon the achievement of performance targets set forth in a Restricted Stock Award Agreement dated December 18, 2002 under the company's Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- Shares remain restricted until November 30, 2003, and at that time are payable one-third in cash and two-thirds in shares.
- Includes 2,975 time-vesting restricted shares and 519 shares held a Section 423 stock purchase plan.
- [This date entry is made pursuant to SEC EDGAR guidelines in effect until system modifications are implemented.] Stock Units held in Acuity Brands Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan ("SDSP") that will be paid in cash according to the plan's provisions. At the time of the award, the Reporting Person elected to have 50% of restricted stock earned (see footnote 2) deferred into the SDSP.

Kenyon W. Murphy 06/26/2003

\*\* 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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