FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MORGAN JOHN K                             |  |  |  |   |                                | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [ AYI ] |         |   |                  |  |                    |   |                      |   | Check                                      | tionship of Reporting<br>all applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title |   | 109   | o Issuer<br>6 Owner<br>er (specify |
|---|--|--|--|---|--------------------------------|---|---------|---|------------------|--|--------------------|---|----------------------|---|--|---|---|---|------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 |  |  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/20/2007 |                                |   |         |   |                  |  |                    |   | X                    | below)  Executive \   |  | bel   | ow)   |   |                                    |
| (Street) ATLANTA GA 30309   |  |  |  |   | 4. If                          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)              |         |   |                  |  |                    |   |                      | S. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |   |   |   |                                    |
| (City)  | (St  |  | Zip)   |   |                                |   |         |   |                  |  |                    |   |                      |   |  |   |   |   |                                    |
|   |  | Tabl                                       | e I - Noi  | n-Deriv   | ative                          | Se  | curitie | s Acc                                   | quired,          | Dis  | posed o            | of, o   | r Ben                | efici   | ally (                                     | Owne  | ed  |   |                                    |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D                            |  |  |  | Day/Year) if a  |                                | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)           |         | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |                  | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)  |                    |   | 4 and Se<br>Be<br>Ov |   | ount of<br>ities<br>icially<br>d Following | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)           | of Indirect   |   |                                    |
|   |  |  |  |   |                                |   |         |   | Code             | v  | Amount             |   | (A) or<br>(D)        | Price   | .  | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                              |   |   | (111311. 4)                        |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 01/20   |  |  |  |   | )/2007                         |   |         |   |                  |  | 174                |   | D                    | \$57  | 7.07 1                                     |   | 6,520 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D   |                                    |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |   |                                |   |         |   |                  |  |                    |   |                      |   |  |   |   |   |                                    |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                 | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution D<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/ | Date,   | Date, Transactio<br>Code (Inst |   |         |   | Expiration       | 6. Date Exercisable a<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (II<br>and 4) |                      |   | Deriv                                      | rivative<br>curity<br>str. 5)   | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4) |
|   |  |  |  |   | Code                           | v   | (A)     | (D)                                     | Date<br>Exercisa |  | Expiration<br>Date | or<br>Num<br>of<br>Title Shar   |                      |   |  |   |   |   |                                    |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The transaction(s) being reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- 2. The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions include 64,010 time-vesting restricted shares.

<u>John K. Morgan</u> <u>01/23/2007</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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