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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 Perso all applicable) Director Officer (give title	n(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify	
(Last) (First) (M 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/15/2004	X	below) President & Chief De	below)	
(Street) ATLANTA (City)	GA (State)	30309 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or Price T		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)	
Common Stock	10/15/2004		М		8,900	Α	\$13.8	74,802	D		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/15/2004		S		8,900	D	\$25.3	65,902	D		
Common Stock								4,916	Ι	by 401(k)	

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. Transa Code (8)		of Deri Sec Acq (A) o Disp of (I (Inst	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		xpiration Date Amount of		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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	10/15/2004		М			8,900	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	8,900	\$0	106,666	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions includes 44,800 time-vesting restricted shares.

2. This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period.

John K. Morgan

10/18/2004 Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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