
**UNITED STATES
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): April 17, 2008

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
Company or organization)

001-16583
(Commission File Number)

58-2632672
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1170 Peachtree St., N.E., Suite 2400, Atlanta, GA
(Address of principal executive offices)

30309
(Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 17, 2008, the Company issued a press release announcing it has established two new businesses within its wholly-owned subsidiary Acuity Brands Technology Services, Inc. to capitalize on emerging opportunities in the turn-key renovation and the lighting, energy, and maintenance management markets. SAERIS™ provides lighting renovation and energy services, with special focus on turn-key lighting projects for major corporations, building owners, municipalities and schools. ROAM® provides monitoring and control of indoor and outdoor lighting infrastructures utilizing a combination of intelligent photocontrols, machine-to-machine communications, wireless communications, and network management services. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 Press Release dated April 17, 2008 (Filed with the Commission as part of this Form 8-K).

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 21, 2008

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Richard K. Reece

Richard K. Reece

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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99.1 Press Release dated April 17, 2008 (Filed with the Commission as part of this Form 8-K).



News Release

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**Acuity Brands Announces New Businesses to Focus on
Relighting and Energy Management**

Atlanta, GA, April 17, 2008 – Acuity Brands, Inc. (NYSE:AYI) today announced it has established two new businesses within its wholly-owned subsidiary Acuity Brands Technology Services, Inc. (“ABTS”) to capitalize on the emerging opportunities in both the turn-key renovation and the lighting, energy and maintenance management markets. ABTS plans to build successful adjacencies to Acuity Brands’ core lighting fixture business, and leverage new technical and service capabilities working with both new and existing customers.

ABTS is currently comprised of two new businesses. SAERIS™ provides lighting renovation and energy services, with special focus on turn-key lighting projects for major corporations, building owners, municipalities and schools. SAERIS’ services will support Acuity Brands Lighting’s existing sales channels to enhance pursuits of renovation and relighting business opportunities. Another new business, ROAM®, provides monitoring and control of indoor and outdoor lighting infrastructures utilizing a combination of intelligent photocontrols, machine-to-machine communications, wireless communications, and network management services.

Crawford Lipsey has been named President of Acuity Brands Technology Services. Mr. Lipsey has held increasingly responsible management positions since joining Acuity Brands Lighting in 1999. Most recently he was Executive Vice President and General Manager of Acuity Brands Lighting’s Solutions Group, which included the North American and European operations of the Holophane, American Electric, and Carandini brands.

Acuity Brands, Inc. owns and operates Acuity Brands Lighting. With fiscal year 2007 net sales of approximately \$2.0 billion, Acuity Brands Lighting is one of the world’s leading providers of

lighting fixtures and related products and services and includes brands such as Lithonia Lighting[®], Holophane[®], Peerless[®], Mark Architectural Lighting[™], Hydrel[®], American Electric Lighting[®], Gotham[®], Carandini[®], SpecLight[®], MetalOptics[®], Antique Street Lamps[™], Synergy[™], SAERIS[™] and ROAM[®]. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Acuity Brands employs approximately 7,000 associates and has operations throughout North America and in Europe and Asia.