
**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): October 2, 2015

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 2300, 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)

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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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 7, 2015, Acuity Brands, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release containing information about the Company’s results of operations for its fiscal quarter and year ended August 31, 2015. 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. The information contained in this paragraph, as well as Exhibit 99.1 referenced herein, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

The press release includes the following non-GAAP financial measures: “adjusted selling, distribution, and administrative (“SD&A”) expenses,” “adjusted operating profit,” “adjusted operating profit margin,” “adjusted net income,” and “adjusted diluted earnings per share” (“EPS”). These non-GAAP financial measures are provided to enhance the reader’s overall understanding of the Company’s current financial performance and prospects for the future. Specifically, management believes that adjusted SD&A expenses, adjusted operating profit, adjusted operating profit margin, adjusted net income, and adjusted diluted EPS provide useful information to investors by excluding or adjusting items for acquisition-related professional fees, special charges associated with efforts to streamline the organization, and the incremental recoveries associated with previously disclosed fraud perpetrated at the freight payment and audit service firm formerly retained by the Company. Management believes these items impacted the comparability of the Company’s results and that they are not reflective of the fixed costs or benefits that the Company will incur over the long term. However, the Company has incurred similar charges associated with streamlining activities in prior fiscal years and continually evaluates streamlining measures which could result in additional charges in future periods. These non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for or superior to, results prepared in accordance with GAAP. The most directly comparable GAAP measure for adjusted SD&A expenses is “SD&A expenses” which includes acquisition-related professional fees and the benefit of the insurance recovery related to the previously reported fraud. The most directly comparable GAAP measures for adjusted operating profit, adjusted operating profit margin, adjusted net income, and adjusted diluted EPS are “operating profit,” “operating profit margin,” “net income,” and “diluted EPS,” respectively, which include the impact of the acquisition-related professional fees, special charges, and the incremental recoveries associated with the aforementioned fraud.

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On October 2, 2015, the Board of Directors of the Company approved an amendment and restatement of the Company’s By-Laws (the “Amended and Restated By-laws”) to require directors be elected by the affirmative vote of the majority of the votes cast at an annual meeting of stockholders in uncontested elections. The Amended and Restated By-laws is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 2, 2015, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of 13 cents per share and announced that it will hold its annual meeting of stockholders on January 6, 2016. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

- 3.1 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Acuity Brands, Inc. (Filed with the Commission as part of this Form 8-K).
- 99.1 Press Release dated October 7, 2015 (Filed with the Commission as part of this Form 8-K).
- 99.2 Press Release dated October 2, 2015 (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: October 7, 2015

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Richard K. Reece
Richard K. Reece
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

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ACUITY BRANDS, INC.
AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS
(Amended and Restated as of October 2, 2015)

Article I - STOCKHOLDERS

Section 1. Annual Meetings, Proposals and Nominations.

(a) An annual meeting of the stockholders, for (i) the election of directors to succeed those whose terms expire and (ii) the transaction of such other business, each as shall properly come before the meeting pursuant to the provisions of this Section 1, shall be held at such place, on such date, and at such time as the Board of Directors shall each year fix.

(b) Business at Annual Meetings of Stockholders.

(i) Only such business (other than nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors, which must be made in compliance with and is governed exclusively by Section 1(c) of this Article I) shall be conducted at an annual meeting of the stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting (A) specified in the notice of meeting (or any supplement thereto) given by or at the direction of the Board of Directors, (B) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors, or (C) by any stockholder of the Corporation who (1) was a stockholder of record at the time of giving of notice provided for in this Section 1(b) and at the time of the meeting, (2) is entitled to vote at the meeting and (3) complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 1(b). For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing clause (C) shall be the exclusive means for a stockholder to propose such business (other than business included in the Corporation's proxy materials pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) before an annual meeting of stockholders.

(ii) For business (other than nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors, which must be made in compliance with and is governed exclusively by Section 1(c) of this Article I) to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder, the stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in proper written form as described in Section 1(b)(iii) of this Article I to the Secretary of the Corporation and such business must otherwise be appropriate for stockholder action under the Delaware General Corporation Law. To be timely, a stockholder's notice for such business must be delivered to the Secretary of the Corporation at the principal executive offices of the Corporation in proper written form not less than ninety (90) days and not more than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting of stockholders; provided, however, that if and only if the annual meeting is not scheduled to be held within a period that commences thirty (30) days before such anniversary date and ends thirty (30) days after such anniversary date, such stockholder's notice must be delivered by the later of (A) the tenth day following the day of the Public Announcement (as defined in Section 1(1) of this Article I) of the date of the annual meeting or (B) the date which is ninety (90) days prior to the date of the annual meeting. In no event shall any adjournment, deferral or postponement of an annual meeting or the announcement thereof commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.

(iii) To be in proper written form, a stockholder's notice to the Secretary of the Corporation shall set forth as to each matter of business the stockholder proposes to bring before the annual meeting (A) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual meeting (including the specific text of any resolutions or actions proposed for consideration and if such business includes a proposal to amend the Corporation's certificate of incorporation or these By-Laws, the specific language of the proposed amendment) and the reasons for conducting such business at the annual meeting, (B) the name and address of the stockholder proposing such business, as they appear on the Corporation's books, the residence name and address (if different from the Corporation's books) of such proposing stockholder, and the name and address of any Stockholder Associated Person (as defined in Section 1(f) of this Article I) covered by clauses (C), (D) and (F) below, (C) the class and number of shares of stock of the Corporation which are directly or indirectly held of record or beneficially owned by such stockholder or by any Stockholder Associated Person with respect to the Corporation's securities, a description of any Derivative Positions (as defined in Section 1(f) of this Article I) directly or indirectly held or beneficially held by the stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person, and whether and the extent to which a Hedging Transaction (as defined in Section 1(f) of this Article I) has been entered into by or on behalf of such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person, (D) a description of all arrangements or understandings between such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person and any other person or entity (including their names) in connection with the proposal of such business by such stockholder and any material interest of such stockholder, any Stockholder Associated Person or such other person or entity in such business, (E) a representation that such stockholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the annual meeting to bring such business before the meeting and (F) a representation as to whether such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person intends to deliver a proxy statement or form of proxy to holders of at least the percentage of the Corporation's outstanding shares required to approve the proposal or otherwise to solicit proxies from stockholders in support of the proposal. In addition, any stockholder who submits a notice pursuant to this Section 1(b) is required to update and supplement the information disclosed in such notice, if necessary, in accordance with Section 1(d) of this Article I.

(iv) Notwithstanding anything in these By-Laws to the contrary, no business (other than nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors, which must be made in compliance with and is governed exclusively by Section 1(c) of this Article I) shall be conducted at an annual meeting except in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 1(b). At an annual meeting, the chairman of the meeting shall determine, if the facts warrant, that business was not properly brought before the meeting and in accordance with the provisions prescribed by these By-Laws, and if the chairman should so determine, the chairman shall so declare to the meeting, and any such business not properly brought before the meeting shall not be transacted.

(c) Nominations at Annual Meetings of Stockholders.

(i) Only persons who are nominated in accordance and compliance with the procedures set forth in this Section 1(c) shall be eligible for election to the Board of Directors at an annual meeting of stockholders.

(ii) Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors of the Corporation may be made at an annual meeting of stockholders only (A) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (B) by any stockholder of the Corporation who (1) was a stockholder of record at the time of giving of notice provided for in this Section 1(c)(ii) and at the time of the meeting, (2) is entitled to vote at the meeting and (3) complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 1(c)(ii). Clause (B) of this Section 1(c)(ii) shall be the exclusive means for a stockholder to make nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors at an annual meeting of stockholders. Any nominations by stockholders at an annual meeting of stockholders shall be made pursuant to timely notice in proper written form as described in Section 1(c)(iii) of this Article I to the Secretary of the Corporation. To be timely, a stockholder's notice for the nomination of persons for election to the Board of Directors must be delivered to the Secretary of the Corporation at the principal executive offices of the Corporation in proper written form not less than ninety (90) days and not more than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting of stockholders; provided, however, that if and only if the annual meeting is not scheduled to be held within a period that commences thirty (30) days before such anniversary date and ends thirty (30) days after such anniversary date, such stockholder's notice must be delivered by the later of (C) the tenth day following the day of the Public Announcement of the date of the annual meeting or (D) the date which is ninety (90) days prior to the date of the annual meeting. In no event shall any adjournment, deferral or postponement of an annual meeting or the announcement thereof commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.

(iii) To be in proper written form, a stockholder's notice to the Secretary of the Corporation shall set forth (A) as to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or re-election as a director of the Corporation, (1) the name, age, business address and residence address of the person, (2) the principal occupation or employment of the person, (3) the class or series and number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation which are directly or indirectly owned beneficially or of record by the person, (4) the date such shares were acquired and the investment intent of such acquisition and (5) any other information relating to the person that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for a contested election of directors (even if an election contest or proxy solicitation is not involved), or is otherwise required, pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (including such person's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee, if applicable, and to serving if elected); and (B) as to the stockholder giving the notice (1) the name and address of such stockholder, as they appear on the Corporation's books, the residence name and address (if different from the Corporation's books) of such proposing stockholder, and the name and address of any Stockholder Associated Person covered by clauses (2), (3), (5) and (6) below, (2) the class and number of shares of stock of the Corporation which are directly

or indirectly held of record or beneficially owned by such stockholder or by any Stockholder Associated Person with respect to the Corporation's securities, a description of any Derivative Positions directly or indirectly held or beneficially held by the stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person, and whether and the extent to which a Hedging Transaction has been entered into by or on behalf of such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person, (3) a description of all arrangements or understandings (including financial transactions and direct or indirect compensation) between such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person and each proposed nominee and any other person or entity (including their names) pursuant to which the nomination(s) are to be made by such stockholder, (4) a representation that such stockholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the persons named in its notice, (5) any other information relating to such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for a contested election of directors (even if an election contest or proxy solicitation is not involved), or otherwise required, pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and (6) a representation as to whether such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person intends to deliver a proxy statement or form of proxy to the holders of a sufficient number of the Corporation's outstanding shares to elect such nominee or otherwise to solicit proxies from stockholders in support of the nomination. In addition, any stockholder who submits a notice pursuant to this Section 1(c) is required to update and supplement the information disclosed in such notice, if necessary, in accordance with Section 1(d) of this Article I. At an annual meeting, the chairman of the meeting shall determine, if the facts warrant, that a nomination was not made in accordance with the procedures prescribed by these By-Laws, and if the chairman should so determine, the chairman shall so declare to the meeting, and the defective nomination shall be disregarded.

(iv) Notwithstanding anything in the fourth sentence of Section 1(c)(ii) of this Article I to the contrary, if the number of directors to be elected to the Board of Directors is increased and there is no Public Announcement naming all of the nominees for director or specifying the size of the increased Board of Directors made by the Corporation at least 100 days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting, a stockholder's notice required by Section 1(c)(ii) of this Article I shall also be considered timely, but only with respect to nominees for any new positions created by such increase, if it shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Corporation at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not later than the close of business on the tenth day following the day on which such Public Announcement is first made by the Corporation.

(d) Update and Supplement of Stockholder's Notice. Any stockholder who submits a notice of proposal for business or nomination for election pursuant to this Section 1 is required to update and supplement the information disclosed in such notice, if necessary, so that the information provided or required to be provided in such notice shall be true and correct as of the record date for the meeting of stockholders and as of the date that is twelve (12) days prior to such meeting of the stockholders or any adjournment or postponement thereof, and such update and supplement shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Corporation at the principal executive offices of the Corporation

not later than seven (7) days after the record date for the meeting of stockholders (in the case of the update and supplement required to be made as of the record date), and not later than ten (10) days prior to the date for the meeting of stockholders or any adjournment or postponement thereof (in the case of the update and supplement required to be made as of twelve (12) days prior to the meeting of stockholders or any adjournment or postponement thereof).

(e) Requirements of Exchange Act. In addition to the foregoing provisions of this Section 1, a stockholder shall also comply with all applicable requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to the matters set forth in these By-Laws; provided, however, that any references in these By-Laws to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder are not intended to and shall not limit the requirements of these By-Laws applicable to nominations or proposals as to any other business to be considered pursuant to these By-Laws regardless of the stockholder's intent to utilize Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Nothing in this Section 1 shall be deemed to affect any rights of stockholders to request inclusion of proposals in the Corporation's proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(f) Definitions. For purposes of these By-Laws, the term:

(v) "Derivative Positions" means, with respect to a stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person, any derivative positions including, without limitation, any short position, profits interest, option, warrant, convertible security, stock appreciation right, or similar right with an exercise or conversion privilege or a settlement payment or mechanism at a price related to any class or series of shares of the Corporation or with a value derived in whole or in part from the value of any class or series of shares of the Corporation, whether or not such instrument or right shall be subject to settlement in the underlying class or series of capital stock of the Corporation or otherwise and any performance-related fees to which such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person is entitled based, directly or indirectly, on any increase or decrease in the value of shares of capital stock of the Corporation;

(vi) "Hedging Transaction" means, with respect to a stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person, any hedging or other transaction (such as borrowed or loaned shares) or series of transactions, or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding, the effect or intent of which is to increase or decrease the voting power of such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person with respect to the Corporation's securities;

(vii) "Public Announcement" means disclosure in a press release reported by the Dow Jones News Service, Associated Press, Business Wire, PR Newswire or comparable news service or in a document publicly filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Sections 13, 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and

(viii) "Stockholder Associated Person" of any stockholder means (A) any person controlling, directly or indirectly, or acting in concert with, such stockholder, (B) any

beneficial owner of shares of stock of the Corporation owned of record or beneficially by such stockholder or (C) any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with such Stockholder Associated Person.

Section 2. Special Meetings of Stockholders.

(b) Special meetings of the stockholders may be called at any time by the Board of Directors acting pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority of the Whole Board. For purposes of these By-Laws, the term “Whole Board” shall mean the total number of authorized directors whether or not there exist any vacancies in previously authorized directorships. The Board of Directors may postpone or reschedule any previously scheduled special meeting.

(c) Only such business shall be conducted at a special meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting pursuant to the Board of Directors’ notice of meeting. Only persons who are nominated in accordance and compliance with the procedures set forth in this Section 2 shall be eligible for election to the Board of Directors at a special meeting of stockholders. Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors may be made at a special meeting of stockholders at which directors are to be elected pursuant to the Board of Directors’ notice of meeting only (i) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (ii) provided that the Board of Directors has determined that directors are to be elected at such special meeting, by any stockholder of the Corporation who (A) was a stockholder of record at the time of giving of notice provided for in this Section 2(b) and at the time of the special meeting, (B) is entitled to vote at the meeting and (C) complies with the notice procedures provided for in this Section 2(b). For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing clause (ii) shall be the exclusive means for a stockholder to propose nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors at a special meeting of stockholders. Any nominations by stockholders at a special meeting of stockholders shall be made pursuant to timely notice in proper written form as described in this Section 2 to the Secretary of the Corporation. To be timely, a stockholder’s notice for the nomination of persons for election to the Board of Directors must be delivered to the Secretary of the Corporation at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not earlier than the 120th day prior to such special meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to such special meeting or the tenth day following the day on which a Public Announcement is made of the date of the special meeting and of the nominees proposed by the Board of Directors to be elected at such meeting. In no event shall any adjournment, deferral or postponement of a special meeting or the announcement thereof commence a new time period for the giving of a stockholder’s notice as described above. To be in proper written form, such stockholder’s notice shall set forth all of the information required by, and otherwise be in compliance with, Section 1(c)(iii) of this Article I. In addition, any stockholder who submits a notice pursuant to this Section 2(b) is required to update and supplement the information disclosed in such notice, if necessary, in accordance with Section 2(c) of this Article I. At a special meeting, the chairman of the meeting shall determine, if the facts warrant, that a proposal or nomination was not made in accordance with the procedures prescribed by these By-Laws, and if the chairman should so determine, the chairman shall so declare to the meeting, and the defective proposal or nomination shall be disregarded.

(d) Any stockholder who submits a notice pursuant to this Section 2 is required to update and supplement the information disclosed in such notice, if necessary, so that the information provided or required to be provided in such notice shall be true and correct as of the record date for the special meeting of stockholders and as of the date that is twelve (12) days prior to such special meeting of the stockholders or any adjournment or postponement thereof, and such update and supplement shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Corporation at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not later than seven (7) days after the record date for the special meeting of stockholders (in the case of the update and supplement required to be made as of the record date), and not later than ten (10) days prior to the date for the special meeting of stockholders or any adjournment or postponement thereof (in the case of the update and supplement required to be made as of twelve (12) days prior to the special meeting of stockholders or any adjournment or postponement thereof).

(e) In addition to the foregoing provisions of this Section 2, a stockholder shall also comply with all applicable requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to the matters set forth in these By-Laws; provided, however, that any references in these By-Laws to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder are not intended to and shall not limit the requirements of these By-Laws applicable to nominations to be considered pursuant to these By-Laws regardless of the stockholder's intent to utilize Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Nothing in this Section 2 shall be deemed to affect any rights of stockholders to request inclusion of proposals in the Corporation's proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings.

Notice of the place, if any, date, and time of all meetings of the stockholders, the means of remote communications, if any, by which stockholders and proxyholders may be deemed to be present in person and vote at such meeting, and the record date for determining the stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting if the date is different from the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of the meeting, shall be given, not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date on which the meeting is to be held, to each stockholder entitled to vote at such meeting, except as otherwise provided herein or required by law (meaning, here and hereinafter, as required from time to time by the Delaware General Corporation Law or the certificate of incorporation of the Corporation).

When a meeting is adjourned to another time or place, notice need not be given of the adjourned meeting if the time and place, if any, thereof, and the means of remote communications, if any, by which stockholders and proxyholders may be deemed to be present in person and vote at such adjourned meeting are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken; provided, however, that if the date of any adjourned meeting is more than thirty (30) days after the date for which the meeting was originally noticed, or if a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, notice of the place, if any, date, and time of the adjourned meeting and the means of remote communications, if any, by which stockholders and proxyholders may be deemed to be present in

person and vote at such adjourned meeting, shall be given in conformity herewith. At any adjourned meeting, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the original meeting.

Section 4. Quorum.

At any meeting of the stockholders, the holders of a majority of all of the shares of the stock entitled to vote at the meeting, present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for all purposes, unless or except to the extent that the presence of a larger number may be required by law. Where a separate vote by a class or classes or series is required, a majority of the shares of such class or classes or series present in person or represented by proxy shall constitute a quorum entitled to take action with respect to that vote on that matter.

If a quorum shall fail to attend any meeting, the chairman of the meeting may adjourn the meeting to another place, if any, date, or time.

Section 5. Organization.

Such person as the Board of Directors may have designated or, in the absence of such a person, the Chairman of the Board or, in his or her absence, the President of the Corporation or, in his or her absence, such person as may be chosen by the holders of a majority of the shares entitled to vote who are present, in person or by proxy, shall call to order any meeting of the stockholders and act as chairman of the meeting. In the absence of the Secretary of the Corporation, the secretary of the meeting shall be such person as the chairman of the meeting appoints.

Section 6. Conduct of Business.

The chairman of any meeting of stockholders shall determine the order of business and the procedure at the meeting, including such regulation of the manner of voting and the conduct of discussion as seem to him or her in order. The chairman shall have the power to adjourn the meeting to another place, if any, date and time. The date and time of the opening and closing of the polls for each matter upon which the stockholders will vote at the meeting shall be announced at the meeting.

Section 7. Proxies and Voting.

At any meeting of the stockholders, every stockholder entitled to vote may vote in person or by proxy authorized by an instrument in writing or by a transmission permitted by law filed in accordance with the procedure established for the meeting. Any copy, facsimile telecommunication or other reliable reproduction of the writing or transmission created pursuant to this paragraph may be substituted or used in lieu of the original writing or transmission for any and all purposes for which the original writing or transmission could be used, provided that such copy, facsimile telecommunication or other reproduction shall be a complete reproduction of the entire original writing or transmission.

The Corporation may, and to the extent required by law, shall, in advance of any meeting of stockholders, appoint one or more inspectors to act at the meeting and make a written report

thereof. The Corporation may designate one or more alternate inspectors to replace any inspector who fails to act. If no inspector or alternate is able to act at a meeting of stockholders, the person presiding at the meeting may, and to the extent required by law, shall, appoint one or more inspectors to act at the meeting. Each inspector, before entering upon the discharge of his or her duties, shall take and sign an oath faithfully to execute the duties of inspector with strict impartiality and according to the best of his or her ability. Every vote taken by ballots shall be counted by a duly appointed inspector or inspectors.

Excepted as provided in Article II, Section 2 and in this paragraph, in uncontested director elections, each director shall be elected by the affirmative vote of the majority of the votes cast at an annual meeting of stockholders. The affirmative vote of the majority of the votes cast means that the number of shares cast "for" a director's election exceeds the number of votes cast "against" that director. Incumbent directors who fail to receive a majority of the vote shall remain in office until such director's successor is elected and qualified or until such director's earlier resignation or removal. In a contested election, the directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast. Except as otherwise required by law, all other matters shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast affirmatively or negatively.

Section 8. Stock List.

A complete list of stockholders entitled to vote at any meeting of stockholders, arranged in alphabetical order for each class of stock and showing the address of each such stockholder and the number of shares registered in his or her name, shall be open to the examination of any such stockholder for a period of at least 10 days prior to the meeting in the manner provided by law.

The stock list shall also be open to the examination of any stockholder during the whole time of the meeting as provided by law. This list shall presumptively determine the identity of the stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting and the number of shares held by each of them.

Article II - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number of Directors.

Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of preferred stock to elect directors under specified circumstances, the number of directors shall be fixed from time to time exclusively by the Board of Directors pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority of the Whole Board.

Section 2. Newly Created Directorships and Vacancies.

Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of preferred stock then outstanding, newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the authorized number of directors or any vacancies in the Board of Directors resulting from death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office or other cause shall, unless otherwise required by law or by resolution of the Board of Directors, be filled only by a majority vote of the directors then in office, though less than a quorum (and not by stockholders), and directors so chosen shall serve for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders at which the term of office of the class to which they have been

elected expires or until such director's successor shall have been duly elected and qualified. No decrease in the number of authorized directors shall shorten the term of any incumbent director.

Section 3. Regular Meetings.

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such place or places, on such date or dates, and at such time or times as shall have been established by the Board of Directors and publicized among all directors. A notice of each regular meeting shall not be required.

Section 4. Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairman of the Board, the President or by a majority of the Whole Board and shall be held at such place, on such date, and at such time as they or he or she shall fix. Notice of the place, date, and time of each such special meeting shall be given to each director by whom it is not waived by mailing written notice not less than five (5) days before the meeting or by telephone or by telegraphing or telexing or by facsimile or electronic transmission of the same not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting. Unless otherwise indicated in the notice thereof, any and all business may be transacted at a special meeting.

Section 5. Quorum.

At any meeting of the Board of Directors, a majority of the total number of the Whole Board shall constitute a quorum for all purposes. If a quorum shall fail to attend any meeting, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting to another place, date, or time, without further notice or waiver thereof.

Section 6. Participation in Meetings By Conference Telephone.

Members of the Board of Directors, or of any committee thereof, may participate in a meeting of such Board of Directors or committee by means of conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other and such participation shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Section 7. Conduct of Business.

At any meeting of the Board of Directors, business shall be transacted in such order and manner as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine, and all matters shall be determined by the vote of a majority of the directors present, except as otherwise provided herein or required by law. Action may be taken by the Board of Directors without a meeting if all members thereof consent thereto in writing or by electronic transmission, and the writing or writings or electronic transmission or transmissions are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Directors. Such filing shall be in paper form if the minutes are maintained in paper form and shall be in electronic form if the minutes are maintained in electronic form.

Section 8. Compensation of Directors.

Unless otherwise restricted by the certificate of incorporation, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to fix the compensation of the directors. The directors may be paid their expenses, if any, of attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors and may be paid a fixed sum for attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors or paid a stated salary or paid other compensation as director. No such payment shall preclude any director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor. Members of special or standing committees may be allowed compensation for attending committee meetings.

Article III - COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may from time to time designate committees of the Board of Directors, with such lawfully delegable powers and duties as it thereby confers, to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and shall, for those committees and any others provided for herein, elect a director or directors to serve as the member or members, designating, if it desires, other directors as alternate members who may replace any absent or disqualified member at any meeting of the committee. In the absence or disqualification of any member of any committee and any alternate member in his or her place, the member or members of the committee present at the meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether or not he or she or they constitute a quorum, may by unanimous vote appoint another member of the Board of Directors to act at the meeting in the place of the absent or disqualified member.

Section 2. Conduct of Business.

Each committee may determine the procedural rules for meeting and conducting its business and shall act in accordance therewith, except as otherwise provided herein or required by law. Adequate provision shall be made for notice to members of all meetings; a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum unless the committee shall consist of one (1) or two (2) members, in which event one (1) member shall constitute a quorum; and all matters shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present. Action may be taken by any committee without a meeting if all members thereof consent thereto in writing or by electronic transmission, and the writing or writings or electronic transmission or transmissions are filed with the minutes of the proceedings of such committee. Such filing shall be in paper form if the minutes are maintained in paper form and shall be in electronic form if the minutes are maintained in electronic form.

Article IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. Generally.

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a Chairman of the Board, a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other officers (including a Vice Chairman of the Board and a Chairman Emeritus) as may from time to time be appointed by the Board of Directors. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors, which shall consider that subject at its first meeting after every annual meeting of stockholders. Each officer shall hold office until his or her successor is elected and qualified or until his or her earlier resignation or removal. Any

number of offices may be held by the same person. The salaries of officers elected by the Board of Directors shall be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors or by such officers as may be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Chief Executive Officer.

The Board of Directors shall designate either the Chairman of the Board or the President as the chief executive officer of the Corporation. Subject to the provisions of these By-laws and to the direction of the Board of Directors, the chief executive officer shall have the responsibility for the general management and control of the business and affairs of the Corporation and shall perform all duties and have all powers which are commonly incident to the office of chief executive or which are delegated to him or her by the Board of Directors. He or she shall have power to sign all stock certificates, contracts and other instruments of the Corporation which are authorized and shall have general supervision and direction of all of the other officers, employees and agents of the Corporation.

Section 3. Chief Financial Officer.

The Board of Directors may designate an officer of the Corporation as the chief financial officer of the Corporation. The chief financial officer shall have general responsibility for the management and control of the financial operations of the Corporation and shall perform all duties and have all powers which are commonly incident to the office of chief financial officer or which are delegated to him or her by the Board of Directors. Subject to the direction of the Board of Directors and the chief executive officer, the chief financial officer shall have power to sign all stock certificates, contracts and other instruments of the Corporation which are authorized and shall have general supervision of other officers (other than the Chairman of the Board, any Vice Chairman, and the Chief Operating Officer), employees and agents of the Corporation as directed by the Chief Executive Officer.

Section 4. Chief Operating Officer.

The Board of Directors may designate an officer of the Corporation as the chief operating officer of the Corporation. The chief operating officer shall have general responsibility for the management and control of the operations of the Corporation and shall perform all duties and have all powers which are commonly incident to the office of chief operating officer or which are delegated to him or her by the Board of Directors. Subject to the direction of the Board of Directors and the chief executive officer, the chief operating officer shall have power to sign all stock certificates, contracts and other instruments of the Corporation which are authorized and shall have general supervision of other officers (other than the Chairman of the Board, any Vice Chairman, and the Chief Financial Officer), employees and agents of the Corporation as directed by the Chief Executive Officer.

Section 5. Vice President.

Each Vice President shall have such powers and duties as may be delegated to him or her by the Board of Directors. One (1) Vice President shall be designated by the Board of Directors to

perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President in the event of the President's absence or disability.

Section 6. Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall have the responsibility for maintaining the financial records of the Corporation. He or she shall make such disbursements of the funds of the Corporation as are authorized and shall render from time to time an account of all such transactions and of the financial condition of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall also perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.

Section 7. Secretary.

The Secretary shall issue all authorized notices for, and shall keep minutes of, all meetings of the stockholders and the Board of Directors. He or she shall have charge of the corporate books and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.

Section 8. Delegation of Authority.

The Board of Directors may from time to time delegate the powers or duties of any officer to any other officers or agents, notwithstanding any provision hereof.

Section 9. Removal.

Any officer of the Corporation may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by the Board of Directors.

Section 10. Action with Respect to Securities of Other Corporations.

Unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors, the President or any officer of the Corporation authorized by the President shall have power to vote and otherwise act on behalf of the Corporation, in person or by proxy, at any meeting of stockholders of or with respect to any action of stockholders of any other corporation in which this Corporation may hold securities and otherwise to exercise any and all rights and powers which this Corporation may possess by reason of its ownership of securities in such other corporation.

Article V

- STOCK

Section 1. Certificated and Uncertificated Stock.

Shares of the Corporation's stock may be certificated or uncertificated, as provided under the Delaware General Corporation Law. All certificates of stock of the Corporation shall be numbered and shall be entered in the books of the Corporation as they are issued. Such certificates shall exhibit the holder's name and number of shares and shall be signed by the Chairman or a Vice Chairman or the President or a Vice President and by the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer or the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary. Any or all of such signatures on the certificate may be a facsimile.

Section 2. Transfers of Stock.

Transfers of stock shall be made on the books of the Corporation only by the record holder of such stock, or by an attorney lawfully constituted in writing, and, in the case of stock represented by a certificate, upon surrender of the certificate.

Section 3. Record Date.

In order that the Corporation may determine the stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of stockholders, or to receive payment of any dividend or other distribution or allotment of any rights or to exercise any rights in respect of any change, conversion or exchange of stock or for the purpose of any other lawful action, the Board of Directors may, except as otherwise required by law, fix a record date, which record date shall not precede the date on which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted and which record date shall not be more than sixty (60) nor less than ten (10) days before the date of any meeting of stockholders, nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the time for such other action as hereinbefore described; provided, however, that if no record date is fixed by the Board of Directors, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall be at the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which notice is given or, if notice is waived, at the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which the meeting is held, and, for determining stockholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend or other distribution or allotment of rights or to exercise any rights of change, conversion or exchange of stock or for any other purpose, the record date shall be at the close of business on the day on which the Board of Directors adopts a resolution relating thereto.

A determination of stockholders of record entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall apply to any adjournment of the meeting; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may fix a new record date for the adjourned meeting.

Section 4. Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Certificates.

In the event of the loss, theft or destruction of any certificate of stock, another may be issued in its place pursuant to such regulations as the Board of Directors may establish concerning proof of such loss, theft or destruction and concerning the giving of a satisfactory bond or bonds of indemnity.

Section 5. Regulations.

The issue, transfer, conversion and registration of certificates of stock shall be governed by such other regulations as the Board of Directors may establish.

Article VI

- NOTICES

Section 1. Notices.

If mailed, notice to stockholders shall be deemed given when deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, directed to the stockholder at such stockholder's address as it appears on the records of the

Corporation. Without limiting the manner by which notice otherwise may be given effectively to stockholders, any notice to stockholders may be given by electronic transmission in the manner provided in Section 232 of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

Section 2. Waivers.

A written waiver of any notice, signed by a stockholder or director, or waiver by electronic transmission by such person, whether given before or after the time of the event for which notice is to be given, shall be deemed equivalent to the notice required to be given to such person. Neither the business nor the purpose of any meeting need be specified in such a waiver. Attendance at any meeting shall constitute waiver of notice except attendance for the sole purpose of objecting to the timeliness of notice.

Article VII

- INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. Right to Indemnification.

Each person who was or is made a party or is threatened to be made a party to or is otherwise involved in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (hereinafter a "proceeding"), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or an officer of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer or trustee of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to an employee benefit plan (hereinafter an "indemnitee"), whether the basis of such proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a director, officer or trustee or in any other capacity while serving as a director, officer or trustee, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Corporation to the fullest extent authorized by the Delaware General Corporation Law, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended (but, in the case of any such amendment, only to the extent that such amendment permits the Corporation to provide broader indemnification rights than such law permitted the Corporation to provide prior to such amendment), against all expense, liability and loss (including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts paid in settlement) reasonably incurred or suffered by such indemnitee in connection therewith; provided, however, that, except as provided in Section 3 of this Article VII with respect to proceedings to enforce rights to indemnification, the Corporation shall indemnify any such indemnitee in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such indemnitee only if such proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Section 2. Right to Advancement of Expenses.

In addition to the right to indemnification conferred in Section 1 of this Article VII, an indemnitee shall also have the right to be paid by the Corporation the expenses (including attorney's fees) incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition (hereinafter an "advancement of expenses"); provided, however, that, if the Delaware General Corporation Law requires, an advancement of expenses incurred by an indemnitee in his or her capacity as a director or officer (and not in any other capacity in which service was or is rendered by such indemnitee, including, without limitation, service to an employee benefit plan) shall be made only upon delivery to the Corporation of an undertaking (hereinafter an "undertaking"), by or on behalf of such

indemnitee, to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined by final judicial decision from which there is no further right to appeal (hereinafter a “final adjudication”) that such indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified for such expenses under this Section 2 or otherwise.

Section 3. Right of Indemnitee to Bring Suit.

If a claim under Section 1 or 2 of this Article VII is not paid in full by the Corporation within sixty (60) days after a written claim has been received by the Corporation, except in the case of a claim for an advancement of expenses, in which case the applicable period shall be twenty (20) days, the indemnitee may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Corporation to recover the unpaid amount of the claim. If successful in whole or in part in any such suit, or in a suit brought by the Corporation to recover an advancement of expenses pursuant to the terms of an undertaking, the indemnitee shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting or defending such suit. In (i) any suit brought by the indemnitee to enforce a right to indemnification hereunder (but not in a suit brought by the indemnitee to enforce a right to an advancement of expenses) it shall be a defense that, and (ii) in any suit brought by the Corporation to recover an advancement of expenses pursuant to the terms of an undertaking, the Corporation shall be entitled to recover such expenses upon a final adjudication that, the indemnitee has not met any applicable standard for indemnification set forth in the Delaware General Corporation Law. Neither the failure of the Corporation (including its directors who are not parties to such action, a committee of such directors, independent legal counsel, or its stockholders) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such suit that indemnification of the indemnitee is proper in the circumstances because the indemnitee has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the Delaware General Corporation Law, nor an actual determination by the Corporation (including its directors who are not parties to such action, a committee of such directors, independent legal counsel, or its stockholders) that the indemnitee has not met such applicable standard of conduct, shall create a presumption that the indemnitee has not met the applicable standard of conduct or, in the case of such a suit brought by the indemnitee, be a defense to such suit. In any suit brought by the indemnitee to enforce a right to indemnification or to an advancement of expenses hereunder, or brought by the Corporation to recover an advancement of expenses pursuant to the terms of an undertaking, the burden of proving that the indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified, or to such advancement of expenses, under this Article VII or otherwise shall be on the Corporation.

Section 4. Non-Exclusivity of Rights.

The rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses conferred in this Article VII shall not be exclusive of any other right which any person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, the Corporation’s certificate of incorporation, Bylaws, agreement, vote of stockholders or directors or otherwise.

Section 5. Insurance.

The Corporation may maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not the Corporation would

have the power to indemnify such person against such expense, liability or loss under the Delaware General Corporation Law.

Section 6. Indemnification of Employees and Agents of the Corporation.

The Corporation may, to the extent authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors, grant rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses to any employee or agent of the Corporation to the fullest extent of the provisions of this Article with respect to the indemnification and advancement of expenses of directors and officers of the Corporation.

Section 7. Nature of Rights.

The rights conferred upon indemnitees in this Article VII shall be contract rights and such rights shall continue as to an indemnitee who has ceased to be a director, officer or trustee and shall inure to the benefit of the indemnitee's heirs, executors and administrators. Any amendment, alteration or repeal of this Article VII that adversely affects any right of an indemnitee or its successors shall be prospective only and shall not limit or eliminate any such right with respect to any proceeding involving any occurrence or alleged occurrence of any action or omission to act that took place prior to such amendment or repeal.

Article VIII

- MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Facsimile Signatures.

In addition to the provisions for use of facsimile signatures elsewhere specifically authorized in these By-Laws, facsimile signatures of any officer or officers of the Corporation may be used whenever and as authorized by the Board of Directors or a committee thereof.

Section 2. Corporate Seal.

The Board of Directors may provide a suitable seal, containing the name of the Corporation, which seal shall be in the charge of the Secretary. If and when so directed by the Board of Directors or a committee thereof, duplicates of the seal may be kept and used by the Treasurer or by an Assistant Secretary or Assistant Treasurer.

Section 3. Reliance upon Books, Reports and Records.

Each director, each member of any committee designated by the Board of Directors, and each officer of the Corporation shall, in the performance of his or her duties, be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the books of account or other records of the Corporation and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Corporation by any of its officers or employees, or committees of the Board of Directors so designated, or by any other person as to matters which such director or committee member reasonably believes are within such other person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Corporation.

Section 4. Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be as fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Time Periods.

In applying any provision of these By-laws which requires that an act be done or not be done a specified number of days prior to an event or that an act be done during a period of a specified number of days prior to an event, calendar days shall be used, the day of the doing of the act shall be excluded, and the day of the event shall be included.

Section 6. Severability.

Any determination that any provision of these By-Laws is for any reason inapplicable, illegal or ineffective shall not affect or invalidate any other provision of these By-Laws.

Article IX

- AMENDMENTS

In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by law, the Board of Directors is expressly authorized to adopt, amend and repeal these By-Laws subject to the power of the holders of capital stock of the Corporation to adopt, amend or repeal the By-Laws; provided, however, that, with respect to the power of holders of capital stock to adopt, amend and repeal By-Laws of the Corporation, notwithstanding any other provision of these By-Laws or any provision of law which might otherwise permit a lesser vote or no vote, but in addition to any affirmative vote of the holders of any particular class or series of the capital stock of the Corporation required by law, these By-Laws or any preferred stock, the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 80% percent of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding shares entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class, shall be required to adopt, amend or repeal any provision of these By-Laws.

Acuity Brands Reports Record Fiscal 2015 Fourth Quarter and Full-Year Results
Fourth Quarter Net Sales Rise 14 Percent and Adjusted Diluted EPS Increases 29 Percent

ATLANTA, October 7, 2015 - [Acuity Brands, Inc.](#) (NYSE: AYI) ("Company") today announced record fourth quarter and fiscal year net sales and diluted earnings per share ("diluted EPS"). Net sales for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015 of \$759.5 million increased \$90.8 million, or 14 percent, compared with the year-ago period. Fiscal 2015 fourth quarter U.S. GAAP net income was \$60.1 million, an increase of 10 percent compared with \$54.8 million reported in the prior-year period. U.S. GAAP diluted EPS for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015 also increased 10 percent to \$1.38 compared with \$1.26 reported for the prior-year period.

Adjusted net income for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015 increased \$16.3 million, or 30 percent, to \$71.1 million, compared with net income of \$54.8 million for the prior-year period. Adjusted diluted EPS for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015 increased 29 percent to \$1.63 compared with adjusted diluted EPS of \$1.26 for the year-ago period. Fiscal 2015 fourth quarter adjusted results exclude a \$2.6 million, or \$0.04 diluted EPS, special charge related to previously announced streamlining activities, \$1.2 million, or \$0.03 diluted EPS, of acquisition-related professional fees (non-tax deductible expense), and a \$13.1 million, or \$0.18 diluted EPS, net loss associated with financial instruments to hedge the foreign currency exposure related to the acquisition of Canadian-based Distech Controls, Inc. Management believes these items impacted the comparability of the Company's results and that the adjusted financial measures enhance the reader's overall understanding of the Company's current financial performance. A reconciliation of adjusted financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measure is provided in the tables at the end of this release.

Cash and cash equivalents at the end of fiscal 2015 totaled \$756.8 million, an increase of \$204.3 million for the full fiscal year. Net cash provided by operating activities totaled \$288.9 million for fiscal 2015 compared with \$233.1 million for the year-ago period. The year-over-year improvement reflects higher net income and lower working capital requirements as compared with the prior-year period.

Vernon J. Nagel, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Acuity Brands, commented, "We are extremely pleased to report record fourth quarter and full year results. We believe our record results reflect the growth in new construction and renovation and

retrofit activity, including the conversion to solid-state lighting, as well as our ability to provide customers truly differentiated value from our industry-leading portfolio of innovative lighting and control solutions along with superior service. Our variable contribution margin for fiscal 2015, that is the incremental adjusted operating profit as a percentage of the increase in net sales, was approximately 32 percent. Our record fiscal 2015 full-year results reflect our ability to leverage our fixed investment base as demonstrated by the 140 basis point improvement in our annual gross profit margin to 42.3 percent and 230 basis point improvement in our adjusted operating profit margin to 14.5 percent. Sales of LED-based lighting solutions represented over 50 percent of our total fourth quarter net sales.”

Fiscal 2015 Fourth Quarter Results

The 14 percent growth in fiscal 2015 fourth quarter net sales was due primarily to a 17 percent increase in sales volume, partially offset by the impact of a change in product prices and the mix of products sold (“price/mix”) of two percentage points and the impact of an unfavorable change in foreign currency rates of approximately one percentage point. The Company achieved sales growth across most product categories, geographies, and in virtually all key sales channels. The Company estimated that the change in price/mix for the fourth quarter compared with the year-ago period was due primarily to a reduction in the sales price of certain LED luminaries, reflecting the continued decline in the cost of purchased LED components, as well as a change in sales channel mix.

Operating profit for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015 was \$111.8 million, or 14.7 percent of net sales, compared with prior year’s \$90.7 million, or 13.6 percent of net sales. Fiscal 2015 fourth quarter adjusted operating profit (excluding the impact of acquisition-related professional fees and the special charge) increased \$24.9 million, or 28 percent, to \$115.6 million compared with the year-ago period operating profit of \$90.7 million. Adjusted operating profit margin for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015 increased 160 basis points to quarterly record of 15.2 percent compared with 13.6 percent operating profit margin for the prior-year period.

The effective tax rate for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015 was 34.9 percent compared with 33.2 percent for the prior-year period. The lower effective tax in the prior year was due primarily to favorable adjustments for certain discrete items that did not repeat in the 2015 period.

Fiscal 2015 Full Year Results

Fiscal 2015 net sales of \$2,706.7 million increased \$313.2 million, or 13 percent, compared with \$2,393.5 million for the prior-year period. Fiscal 2015 reported results include operating profit of \$376.3 million, net income of \$222.1 million, and diluted EPS of \$5.09.

Adjusted operating profit for fiscal 2015 increased \$98.8 million to \$391.9 million, compared with prior year's adjusted operating profit of \$293.1 million. Fiscal 2015 adjusted operating profit margin increased 230 basis points to 14.5 percent compared with 12.2 percent for fiscal 2014. Fiscal 2015 adjusted net income of \$234.7 million increased \$62.6 million, or 36 percent, compared with \$172.1 million for the prior-year period. Fiscal 2015 adjusted diluted EPS of \$5.39 increased \$1.42, or 36 percent, compared with \$3.97 for the year-ago period. Adjusted results for fiscal 2015 exclude a net special charge of \$12.4 million, or \$0.19 diluted EPS, as well as acquisition-related professional fees of \$3.2 million, or \$0.08 diluted EPS, and a net loss of \$2.6 million, or \$0.03 diluted EPS, associated with financial instruments to hedge the foreign currency exposure related to the acquisition of Canadian-based Distech Controls, Inc. Adjusted results for the prior-year period exclude the benefit of \$5.8 million, or \$0.08 diluted EPS, in recoveries related to fraud perpetrated by a former freight service provider, and \$0.2 million favorable adjustment to a previously recorded special charge.

Outlook

Mr. Nagel commented, "We remain very bullish about our prospects for future profitable growth. Third-party forecasts as well as key leading indicators suggest that the growth rate for the North American lighting market, which includes renovation and retrofit activity, will be in the mid-to-upper single digit range for fiscal 2016 with expectations that overall demand in our end markets will continue to experience solid growth over the next several years. Our order rates through the month of September reflect this favorable trend. Further, we expect to continue to outperform the growth rates of the markets we serve by executing our strategies to focus on growing renovation and tenant improvement projects, expand into underpenetrated geographies and channels, and grow from the continued introduction of new products and lighting solutions as part of our integrated, tiered solutions strategy."

At the beginning of September, the Company completed the acquisition of [Distech Controls](#), a leading provider of building automation and energy management solutions that allow for the seamless integration of lighting, HVAC, access control, closed circuit television, and related systems. Distech Controls generated net sales in excess of 80 million Canadian

dollars during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2015, and achieved a five-year annual growth rate of over 25%. Acuity Brands acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of Distech Controls for approximately 318 million Canadian dollars, net of cash acquired. Management expects that Distech Controls will be modestly accretive to Acuity Brands fiscal 2016 consolidated financial results. Management intends to invest approximately 2.5 percent of net sales for capital expenditures in fiscal 2016, and estimates the annual tax rate to be approximately 35.5 percent before any discrete items, assuming the tax rates in the Company's taxing jurisdictions remain generally consistent throughout the year.

Mr. Nagel concluded, "We believe the lighting and lighting-related industry will experience solid growth over the next decade, particularly as energy and environmental concerns come to the forefront along with emerging opportunities for digital lighting to play a key role in the Internet of Things. We believe we are well positioned to fully participate in this exciting industry."

The independent registered public accounting firm's audit report with respect to the Company's fiscal year-end financial statements will not be issued until the Company completes its annual report on Form 10-K, including its evaluation of the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting. Accordingly, the financial results reported in this earnings release are preliminary pending completion of the audit.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This news release and accompanying financial tables contain non-GAAP financial measures such as "adjusted gross profit", "adjusted gross profit margin", "adjusted selling, distribution, and administrative expenses", "adjusted operating profit", "adjusted operating profit margin", "adjusted net income", and "adjusted diluted EPS". These measures are provided to enhance the reader's overall understanding of the Company's current financial performance and prospects for the future. However, the Company's non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to similarly titled non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies, have limitations as an analytical tool and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for GAAP financial measures. Management believes that the adjusted financial measures enhance the reader's overall understanding of the Company's current financial performance compared with the year-ago period and prospects for the future.

A reconciliation of each measure to the most directly comparable GAAP measure is available in this news release. In addition, the Current Report on Form 8-K furnished to the SEC concurrent with the issuance of this press release includes a more detailed description of

each of these non-GAAP financial measures, together with a discussion of the usefulness and purpose of such measures.

Conference Call

As previously announced, the Company will host a conference call to discuss fourth quarter and full year results today, October 7, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. ET. Interested parties may listen to this call live today or hear a replay at the Company's Web site: www.acuitybrands.com.

About Acuity Brands

Acuity Brands, Inc. is a North American market leader and one of the world's leading providers of indoor and outdoor lighting and energy management solutions. With fiscal year 2015 net sales of \$2.7 billion, Acuity Brands employs approximately 8,000 associates and is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia with operations throughout North America, and in Europe and Asia. The Company's products and solutions are sold under various brands, including Lithonia Lighting®, Holophane®, Peerless®, Gotham®, Mark Architectural Lighting™, Winona® Lighting, Healthcare Lighting®, Hydrel®, American Electric Lighting®, Carandini®, Antique Street Lamps™, Sunoptics®, RELOC® Wiring Solutions, eldoLED®, Distech Controls®, and Acuity Controls™.

Forward Looking Information

This release contains forward-looking statements, within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements that may be considered forward-looking include statements incorporating terms such as "expects," "believes," "intends," "estimates", "forecasts," "anticipates," "may," "should", "suggests", "remain", and similar terms that relate to future events, performance, or results of the Company and specifically include statements made in this press release regarding: prospects for future profitable growth; third-party forecasts of a mid-to-upper single digit growth rate for the North American lighting market for fiscal 2016 and expectations that demand in the Company's end markets will continue to experience solid growth over the next several years; expectation that opportunities exist that will allow the Company to outperform the growth rates of the markets it serves and that the Company will pursue such growth opportunities; expectation of solid growth over the next decade for the lighting and lighting-related industry and the Company's position to fully participate; expectations that Distech Controls will be modestly accretive to the Company's fiscal 2016 consolidated financial results; intentions to invest in capital expenditures in fiscal 2016 totaling approximately 2.5 percent of net sales; and estimates for a fiscal 2016 annual tax rate of 35.5 percent before any discrete items assuming tax rates in taxing jurisdictions remain generally consistent throughout the year. Forward-looking statements are subject

to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the historical experience of Acuity Brands and management's present expectations or projections. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, customer and supplier relationships and prices; competition; ability to realize anticipated benefits from initiatives taken and timing of benefits; market demand; litigation and other contingent liabilities; and economic, political, governmental, and technological factors affecting the Company. Please see the other risk factors more fully described in the Company's SEC filings including risks discussed in Part I, "Item 1a. Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2014. The discussion of those risks is specifically incorporated herein by reference. Management believes these forward-looking statements are reasonable; however, undue reliance should not be placed on any forward-looking statements, which are based on current expectations. Further, forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and management undertakes no obligation to update publicly any of them in light of new information or future events.

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In millions)

	August 31,	
	2015	
	(Preliminary)	2014
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 756.8	\$ 552.5
Accounts receivable, less reserve for doubtful accounts of \$1.3 and \$1.9 as of August 31, 2015 and August 31, 2014, respectively	411.7	373.4
Inventories	224.8	212.0
Deferred income taxes	23.1	21.5
Prepayments and other current assets	20.1	27.0
Total Current Assets	1,436.5	1,186.4
Property, Plant, and Equipment, net	174.6	152.5
Other Long-Term Assets	818.5	827.5
Total Assets	\$ 2,429.6	\$ 2,166.4
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 311.1	\$ 287.4
Other accrued liabilities	209.8	183.1
Total Current Liabilities	520.9	470.5
Long-Term Debt	352.4	351.9
Other Long-Term Liabilities	196.3	180.5
Total Stockholders' Equity	1,360.0	1,163.5
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 2,429.6	\$ 2,166.4

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In millions, except per-share data)

	Three Months Ended		Twelve Months Ended	
	August 31,		August 31,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	<i>(Preliminary)</i>		<i>(Preliminary)</i>	
	<i>(Unaudited)</i>			
Net Sales	\$ 759.5	\$ 668.7	\$ 2,706.7	\$ 2,393.5
Cost of Products Sold	438.2	385.2	1,561.1	1,414.3
Gross Profit	321.3	283.5	1,145.6	979.2
Selling, Distribution, and Administrative Expenses	206.9	192.8	756.9	680.3
Special Charge	2.6	—	12.4	(0.2)
Operating Profit	111.8	90.7	376.3	299.1
Other Expense (Income):				
Interest expense, net	7.7	8.0	31.5	32.1
Miscellaneous expense, net	11.7	0.7	1.2	1.3
Total Other Expense	19.4	8.7	32.7	33.4
Income before Provision for Income Taxes	92.4	82.0	343.6	265.7
Provision for Income Taxes	32.3	27.2	121.5	89.9
Net Income	\$ 60.1	\$ 54.8	\$ 222.1	\$ 175.8
Earnings Per Share:				
Basic Earnings per Share	\$ 1.39	\$ 1.27	\$ 5.13	\$ 4.07
Basic Weighted Average Number of Shares Outstanding	43.2	42.9	43.1	42.8
Diluted Earnings per Share	\$ 1.38	\$ 1.26	\$ 5.09	\$ 4.05
Diluted Weighted Average Number of Shares Outstanding	43.5	43.2	43.4	43.0
Dividends Declared per Share	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.52
Comprehensive Income:				
Net income	\$ 60.1	\$ 54.8	\$ 222.1	\$ 175.8
Other Comprehensive Income/(Expense) Items:				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(5.5)	(2.1)	(24.0)	0.7
Defined benefit pension plans, net of tax	(16.1)	(11.9)	(14.5)	(10.0)
Other Comprehensive Income/(Expense), net of tax	(21.6)	(14.0)	(38.5)	(9.3)
Comprehensive Income	\$ 38.5	\$ 40.8	\$ 183.6	\$ 166.5

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In millions)

	Twelve Months Ended	
	August 31,	
	2015	2014
	<i>(Preliminary)</i>	
Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities:		
Net income	\$ 222.1	\$ 175.8
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	45.8	43.4
Share-based compensation expense	18.2	17.7
Excess tax benefits from share-based payments	(17.6)	(10.4)
Loss on the sale or disposal of property, plant, and equipment	0.7	0.3
Asset impairments	—	0.1
Deferred income taxes	2.8	(0.2)
Loss on financial instruments, net	2.7	—
Change in assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions, divestitures and effect of exchange rate changes:		
Accounts receivable	(46.1)	(55.4)
Inventories	(15.1)	(9.0)
Prepayments and other current assets	0.7	(6.6)
Accounts payable	23.1	37.6
Other current liabilities	59.3	59.8
Other	(7.7)	(20.0)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>288.9</u>	<u>233.1</u>
Cash Provided by (Used for) Investing Activities:		
Purchases of property, plant, and equipment	(56.5)	(35.3)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant, and equipment	1.3	1.0
Investments and acquisitions of business, net of cash acquired	(14.6)	—
Other investing activities	(2.6)	—
Net Cash Used for Investing Activities	<u>(72.4)</u>	<u>(34.3)</u>
Cash Provided by (Used for) Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from stock option exercises and other	11.6	8.4
Excess tax benefits from share-based payments	17.6	10.4
Dividends paid	(22.7)	(22.5)
Other financing activities	(10.4)	(2.6)
Net Cash Used for Financing Activities	<u>(3.9)</u>	<u>(6.3)</u>
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash	<u>(8.3)</u>	<u>0.9</u>
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	204.3	193.4
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	552.5	359.1
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	<u>\$ 756.8</u>	<u>\$ 552.5</u>

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.
Reconciliation of Non-U.S. GAAP Measures

The tables below reconcile certain GAAP financial measures to the corresponding non-GAAP measures:

(In millions, except earnings per share data)

	Three Months Ended			
	August 31,			
	2015		2014	
	<i>(Preliminary)</i>	% of Sales		% of Sales
Net Sales	\$ 759.5		\$ 668.7	
Selling, Distribution, and Administrative Expenses (GAAP)	\$ 206.9	27.2%	\$ 192.8	28.8%
Less: Acquisition-related professional fees	(1.2)		—	
Adjusted Selling, Distribution and Administrative Expenses (Non-GAAP)	<u>\$ 205.7</u>	<u>27.1%</u>	<u>\$ 192.8</u>	<u>28.8%</u>
Operating Profit (GAAP)	\$ 111.8	14.7%	\$ 90.7	13.6%
Add-back: Acquisition-related professional fees	1.2		—	
Add-back: Special Charge	2.6		—	
Adjusted Operating Profit (Non-GAAP)	<u>\$ 115.6</u>	<u>15.2%</u>	<u>\$ 90.7</u>	<u>13.6%</u>
Other Expense (Income) (GAAP)	\$ 19.4		\$ 8.7	
Less: Net loss on financial instruments	(13.1)		—	
Adjusted Other Expense (Income) (Non-GAAP)	<u>\$ 6.3</u>		<u>\$ 8.7</u>	
Net Income (GAAP)	\$ 60.1		\$ 54.8	
Add-back: Net loss on financial instruments, net of tax	8.2		—	
Add-back: Acquisition-related professional fees	1.2		—	
Add-back: Special Charge, net of tax	1.6		—	
Adjusted Net Income (Non-GAAP)	<u>\$ 71.1</u>		<u>\$ 54.8</u>	
Diluted Earnings Per Share (GAAP)	\$ 1.38		\$ 1.26	
Add-back: Net loss on financial instruments, net of tax	0.18		—	
Add-back: Acquisition-related professional fees	0.03		—	
Add-back: Special Charge, net of tax	0.04		—	
Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share (Non-GAAP)	<u>\$ 1.63</u>		<u>\$ 1.26</u>	

(In millions, except earnings per share data)

	Twelve Months Ended			
	August 31,			
	2015		2014	
	(Preliminary)	% of Sales		% of Sales
Net Sales	\$ 2,706.7		\$ 2,393.5	
Selling, Distribution, and Administrative Expenses (GAAP)	\$ 756.9	28.0%	\$ 680.3	28.4%
Less: Acquisition-related professional fees	(3.2)		—	
Add-back: Freight service provider fraud-related recoveries	—		5.8	
Adjusted Selling, Distribution and Administrative Expenses (Non-GAAP)	\$ 753.7	27.8%	\$ 686.1	28.7%
Operating Profit (GAAP)	\$ 376.3	13.9%	\$ 299.1	12.5%
Add-back: Acquisition-related professional fees	3.2		—	
Less: Freight service provider fraud-related recoveries	—		(5.8)	
Add-back/(Less): Special Charge	12.4		(0.2)	
Adjusted Operating Profit (Non-GAAP)	\$ 391.9	14.5%	\$ 293.1	12.2%
Other Expense (Income) (GAAP)	\$ 32.7		\$ 33.4	
Less: Net loss on financial instruments	(2.6)		—	
Adjusted Other Expense (Income) (Non-GAAP)	\$ 30.1		\$ 33.4	
Net Income (GAAP)	\$ 222.1		\$ 175.8	
Add-back: Net loss on financial instruments, net of tax	1.7		—	
Add-back: Acquisition-related professional fees	3.2		—	
Less: Freight service provider fraud-related recoveries, net of tax	—		(3.6)	
Add-back/(Less): Special Charge, net of tax	7.7		(0.1)	
Adjusted Net Income (Non-GAAP)	\$ 234.7		\$ 172.1	
Diluted Earnings Per Share (GAAP)	\$ 5.09		\$ 4.05	
Add-back: Net loss on financial instruments, net of tax	0.03		—	
Add-back: Acquisition-related professional fees	0.08		—	
Less: Freight service provider fraud-related recoveries, net of tax	—		\$ (0.08)	
Add-back/(Less): Special Charge, net of tax	0.19		—	
Adjusted Diluted Earnings Per Share (Non-GAAP)	\$ 5.39		\$ 3.97	

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ATLANTA, October 2, 2015 - The Board of Directors ("Board") of [Acuity Brands, Inc.](#) (NYSE: AYI; "Company") today declared a quarterly dividend of 13 cents per share. The dividend is payable on November 2, 2015 to shareholders of record on October 19, 2015.

The Board also approved today an amendment and restatement of the Company's By-Laws to require directors be elected by the affirmative vote of the majority of the votes cast at an annual meeting of stockholders in uncontested elections.

The Company will hold its Annual Meeting of Stockholders at 11:00 a.m. ET on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, in the Ballroom of the Four Seasons Hotel, 75 Fourteenth Street N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

About Acuity Brands

Acuity Brands, Inc. is a North American market leader and one of the world's leading providers of lighting solutions for both indoor and outdoor applications. With fiscal year 2014 net sales of \$2.4 billion, Acuity Brands employs approximately 7,000 associates and is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia with operations throughout North America, and in Europe and Asia. The Company's lighting solutions are sold under various brands, including Lithonia Lighting®, Holophane®, Peerless®, Gotham®, Mark Architectural Lighting™, Winona® Lighting, Healthcare Lighting®, Hydrel®, American Electric Lighting®, Carandini®, Antique Street Lamps™, Sunoptics®, RELOC® Wiring Solutions, eldoLED® and Acuity Controls™.

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