

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): July 6, 2005

**ACUITY BRANDS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation 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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

Attached hereto is a press release issued by Acuity Brands, Inc. (the "Registrant") on June 29, 2005, relating to its quarterly dividend. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated June 29, 2005 (Filed with the Commission as part of this Form 8-K.)

**Signature**

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: July 6, 2005

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Vernon J. Nagel

Vernon J. Nagel  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

## News Release



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**ACUITY BRANDS DECLARES  
QUARTERLY DIVIDEND**

ATLANTA, June 29, 2005 – The Board of Directors of Acuity Brands, Inc. (NYSE: AYI) today declared a quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share. The dividend is payable on August 1, 2005 to shareholders of record on July 18, 2005.

Acuity Brands, Inc., with fiscal year 2004 net sales of over \$2.1 billion, is comprised of Acuity Brands Lighting and Acuity Specialty Products. Acuity Brands Lighting is one of the world's leading providers of lighting fixtures and includes brands such as Lithonia Lighting®, Holophane®, Peerless®, Hydrel®, American Electric Lighting®, and Gotham®. Acuity Specialty Products is a leading provider of specialty chemicals and includes brands such as Zep®, Zep Commercial™, Enforcer®, and Selig™. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Acuity Brands employs approximately 10,000 people and has operations throughout North America and in Europe and Asia.