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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>NAGEL VERNON J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.</u> <u>1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE, SUITE 2400</u> (Street) <u>ATLANTA GA 30309</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chairman, President & CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/05/2006</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/05/2006		M		112,600	A	\$13.8	172,167	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/05/2006		S		20,000	D	\$48.25	152,167	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/05/2006		S		20,000	D	\$48.23	132,167	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/05/2006		S		20,000	D	\$48.14	112,167	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/05/2006		S		32,600	D	\$48	79,567	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/09/2006		M		25,662	A	\$13.8	105,229	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/09/2006		S		5,000	D	\$48.27	100,229	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/09/2006		S		5,662	D	\$48.23	94,567	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/09/2006		S		5,000	D	\$48.22	89,567	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	10/09/2006		S		10,000	D	\$48.01	79,567	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2006		M		21,738	A	\$13.8	101,305	D	
Common Stock	10/10/2006		F		6,262	D	\$47.9	95,043 ⁽²⁾	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option ⁽¹⁾	\$13.8	10/05/2006		M			112,600	(3)	12/03/2011	Common Stock	112,600	\$0	47,400	D	
Employee Stock Option ⁽¹⁾	\$13.8	10/09/2006		M			25,662	(3)	12/03/2011	Common Stock	25,662	\$0	21,738	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	10/10/2006		M			21,738	(3)	12/03/2011	Common Stock	21,738	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The transaction(s) reported herein was(were) effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on August 1, 2006.
- The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction(s) include(s) 50,567 time-vesting restricted shares.
- This option vested in equal annual installments over a three-year period and became fully vested on December 3, 2004.

Vernon J. Nagel

10/10/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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