

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MURPHY KENYON W</u>			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)  Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Sr. Vice Pres. &amp; Gen. Counsel</u>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/06/2006</u>					
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)					
ATLANTA	GA	30309						

**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	01/06/2006		S		2,600	D	\$35	33,211	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2006		M		2,000	A	\$13.8	35,211	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2006		S		2,000	D	\$34.99	33,211	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2006		M		1,200	A	\$13.8	34,411	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2006		S		1,200	D	\$35.45	33,211	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2006		M		100	A	\$13.8	33,311	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2006		S		100	D	\$34.96	33,211	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2006		M		600	A	\$13.8	33,811	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2006		S		600	D	\$34.95	33,211	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2006		M		700	A	\$13.8	33,911	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2006		S		700	D	\$34.94	33,211	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2006		M		1,200	A	\$13.8	34,411	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2006		S		1,200	D	\$34.92	33,211	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2006		M		100	A	\$16.5	33,311	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2006		S		100	D	\$35.38	33,211 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
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**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
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			900	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	900	\$0	23,156	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			1,456	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,456	\$0	21,700	D	

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			100	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	100	\$0	21,600	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			500	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	500	\$0	21,100	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			500	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	500	\$0	20,600	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			500	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	500	\$0	20,100	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			500	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	500	\$0	19,600	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			500	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	500	\$0	19,100	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			800	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	800	\$0	18,300	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			400	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	400	\$0	17,900	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			600	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	600	\$0	17,300	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			500	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	500	\$0	16,800	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			500	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	500	\$0	16,300	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			400	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	400	\$0	15,900	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			2,300	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	2,300	\$0	13,600	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			1,500	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,500	\$0	12,100	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			100	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	100	\$0	12,000	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			700	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	700	\$0	11,300	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			400	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	400	\$0	10,900	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			700	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	700	\$0	10,200	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			1,000	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,000	\$0	9,200	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			200	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	200	\$0	9,000	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			600	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	600	\$0	8,400	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			2,600	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	2,600	\$0	5,800	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			2,000	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	2,000	\$0	3,800	D	

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Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			1,200	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,200	\$0	2,600	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			100	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	100	\$0	2,500	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			600	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	600	\$0	1,900	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			700	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	700	\$0	1,200	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	01/06/2006		M			1,200	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,200	\$0	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions include 14,861 time-vesting restricted shares.
- This option vested in equal annual installments over a three year period and became fully vested on December 3, 2004.

By: Jill A. Gilmer, under  
Power of Attorney For:                      01/10/2006  
Kenyon W. Murphy

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

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

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