FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BROWNING PETER C						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]								Relationsh theck all ap	,	ıg Peı	rson(s) to Is	
1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2004									Offic belo	er (give title w)		Other (below)	specify	
SUITE 2400					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
(Street) ATLANT	TA GA	A :	30309												n filed by One n filed by Mor son		•	
(City)	(St	ate) ((Zip)															
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day)					Execution D			n Date	Code (In				red (A) or str. 3, 4 aı	nd Secur Benef	ies For cially (D) Following (I) (wnership n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
								Code	v	Amount (A) or (D)		Price	Trans	ction(s) 3 and 4)			(1113411 4)	
	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 Da if any (Month/Day/Y	C	Transaction Code (Instr.		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)	у	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Co	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Exp Date	oiration e	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	(2)	09/01/2004			A		383		(3)		(3)	Common Stock	383	\$22.84	7,680		D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Stock Units are accrued under the Issuer's Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Stock Unit Plan and are payable in cash upon retirement in either lump sum or five annual installments. Accruals include an annual grant, required and elective deferral of director fees, and reinvestment of dividend equivalents. During the Reporting Period, fees paid to the Reporting Person resulted in an increase in the number of units held.
- 2. 1-for-1
- 3. Stock Units issued pursuant to the Plan are payable in cash upon retirement in either a lump sum or five annual installments.

<u>Peter C. Browning</u> <u>09/03/2004</u>

** 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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