

MURPHY KENYON W
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MURPHY KENYON W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170
PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE
2400

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/23/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. Vice Pres. & Gen. Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 08/23/2005 | | A | (A) or (D) A | \$ 0 (1) 35,420 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 15 | I | by Son(s) |

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Stock Units | (3) | 08/23/2005 | | A | 2,375 (4) | (5) (5) | Common Stock | 2,375 \$ |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MURPHY KENYON W
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.
1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400
ATLANTA, GA 30309

Sr. Vice Pres. & Gen. Counsel

Signatures

By: Jill A. Gilmer, as Power of Attorney For: Kenyon W. Murphy

08/25/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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Issued upon the achievement of performance targets set forth in a Restricted Stock Award Agreement dated December 18, 2002, under (1) the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan. Shares remain restricted until November 30, 2006, and at that time are payable one-third in cash and two-thirds in shares.

(2) The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction include 21,166 time-vesting restricted shares.

(3) 1-for-1

Issued upon the achievement of performance targets set forth in a Restricted Stock Award Agreement dated December 18, 2002, under (4) the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan. At the time of the award, the Reporting Person elected to have 50% of restricted earned deferred into the Acuity Brands Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan.

(5) Stock Units are held in the Acuity Brands, Inc. Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan and will be paid in cash according to the plan's provisions.

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