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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI] Smith C. Dan (Month/Day/Year) 07/02/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O ACUITY BRANDS, (Check all applicable) INC., 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) VP, Treasurer and Secretary _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ATLANTA. GAÂ 30309 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5) Â D

Common Stock

owned directly or indirectly.

13,951 (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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Date Expiration Title Amount or Security
Exercisable Date Number of
Shares

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Direct (D)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Smith C. Dan

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GAÂ 30309

 \hat{A} \hat{A} VP, Treasurer and Secretary \hat{A}

ATLANTA,A GAA 3030

Signatures

C. Dan Smith 07/02/2009

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- (1) The total direct shares owned includes 10,500 time-vesting restricted shares.

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