WILLIAMS NEIL Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

WILLIAMS NEIL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2006

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

(First)

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

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

Issuer

below)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

ATLANTA, GA 30309

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Derivative Conversion

Transactionof

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price of Underlying Securities Derivative

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Y	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	and 5	(D)	Date Expiration Ti Exercisable Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Stock Units (1)	<u>(2)</u>	02/01/2006		A	230		(3)	(3)	Common	230	\$ 38.1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
WILLIAMS NEIL C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309	X					

Signatures

By: Jill A. Gilmer, under Power of Attorney For: Neil Williams

02/02/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- 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 required and elective deferral of director fees and reinvestment of dividend equivalents. During the Reporting Period, dividends earned and 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.

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