PARHAM JOSEPH G JR

Form 4

February 02, 2007

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PARHAM JOSEPH G JR			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (I	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
C/O ACUITY	BRANDS, IN	C., 1170	01/31/2007	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400				below) below) Senior Vice President HR			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Perivative Securities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
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(Instr. 3)	(incinui) Day, real)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4		` ′	Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/31/2007		M	11,705	A	\$ 19.76	36,469	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2007		M	10,223	A	\$ 16.5	46,692	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2007		M	8,442	A	\$ 23.69	55,134	D	
Common Stock (1)	01/31/2007		F	982	D	\$ 58.01	54,152 (2)	D	
Common Stock							195	I	by 401(k)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/31/2007		M		10,223	(3)	10/23/2010	Common Stock	10,223
Employee Stock Option	\$ 19.76	01/31/2007		M		11,705	05/14/2004	05/14/2010	Common Stock	11,705
Employee Stock Option	\$ 23.69	01/31/2007		M		8,442	12/18/2006	12/17/2013	Common Stock	8,442

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PARHAM JOSEPH G JR							
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.			Senior Vice				
1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400			President HR				
ATLANTA, GA 30309							

Signatures

By: Jill A. Gilmer, under Power of Attorney For: Joseph G.
Parham

02/02/2007

**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).

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- (1) The transaction(s) being reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- (2) The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction includes 9,685 time-vesting restricted shares and 1,217 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.
- (3) This option vested in equal annual installments over a four-year period and was fully vested on October 24, 2004.

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