ACUITY BRANDS INC

Form 4

October 26, 2016

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Last)

(City)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Black Mark A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

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

10/24/2016

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

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C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2300

(State)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Issuer

ATLANTA, GA 30309

		Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, of Deficitionary 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. Securi or(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock (1)	10/24/2016		F	767	D	\$ 239.76	36,615 <u>(2)</u>	D		
Common Stock (3)	10/24/2016		A	6,952	A	\$ 239.76	43,567 (4)	D		

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

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 239.76	10/24/2016		A	14,517	<u>(6)</u>	10/24/2026	Common Stock	14,5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Black Mark A C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2300 ATLANTA, GA 30309

EVP

Signatures

/s/ Mark A. 10/25/2016

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
- (1) The transaction(s) reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- (2) The total direct shares owned includes 29,080 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (3) The shares being reported result from the award of restricted stock pursuant to the 2012 Omnibus Stock Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (4) The total direct shares owned includes 41,334 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (5) The shares being reported result from the award of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the 2012 Omnibus Stock Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (6) This option vests ratably over a three-year period and will become fully vested on October 24, 2019.

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