

MURPHY KENYON W
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(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)
01/06/2006

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
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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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | 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)

| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|----|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | S (1) |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|----------|
| | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | | 1,200 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 1,200 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | | 644 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 644 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | | 200 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 200 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | | 600 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 600 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | | 1,200 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 1,200 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | | 1,500 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 1,500 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | | 600 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 600 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | | 200 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 200 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | | 600 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 600 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | | 1,600 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 1,600 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | | 1,900 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 1,900 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | | 2,100 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common | 2,100 |

| Stock Option | | | | | | | | Stock | |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|---|-------|------------|------------|--------------|-------|--|
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | 900 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 900 | |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | 600 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 600 | |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | 700 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 700 | |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | 1,000 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 1,000 | |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | 700 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 700 | |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | 854 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 854 | |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | 2,302 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 2,302 | |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | 100 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 100 | |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | 400 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 400 | |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | 01/06/2006 | M | 100 | <u>(1)</u> | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 100 | |

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, under Power of Attorney For: Kenyon W.
Murphy

01/10/2006

__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).

(1) This option vested in equal annual installments over a four-year period and was fully vested on October 24, 2004.

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