ACUITY BRANDS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

HANCE JAMES H JR Issuer Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title _ Other (specify C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 08/20/2014 PEACHTREE STREET NE, SUITE 2300 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-D	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties A	cquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	n(A) or D	ispose	d of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	(D) or	Ownership
							Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported	(Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock (1)	08/20/2014		A	165	A	\$ 121.41	165 (2)	D	

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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title Numbe	Number		
				~					of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HANCE JAMES H JR C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET NE, SUITE 2300 ATLANTA, GA 30309

Signatures

James H. Hance, Jr. 08/20/2014

**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).

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- (1) The shares being reported result from the award of restricted shares pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) The total direct shares owned includes 165 time-vesting restricted shares.

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