

ACUITY BRANDS INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
WILLIAMS NEIL

(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)
07/17/2012

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	07/17/2012		M		1,815 A \$ 12.35	14,492 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	07/17/2012		S		494 D \$ 59.44	13,998 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	07/17/2012		S		100 D \$ 59.42	13,898 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	07/17/2012		S		500 D \$ 59.41	13,398 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	07/17/2012		S		200 D \$ 59.39	13,198 ⁽¹⁾	D

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Common Stock	07/17/2012	S	300	D	\$ 59.38	12,898 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	07/17/2012	S	221	D	\$ 59.37	12,677 ⁽¹⁾	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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 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)
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 12.35	07/17/2012		M	1,815	⁽²⁾ 12/18/2012	Common Stock 1,815

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WILLIAMS NEIL
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1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400
ATLANTA, GA 30309

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Signatures

Neil Williams 07/18/2012

**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) The total direct shares owned includes 1,391 time-vesting restricted shares.

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This stock option previously represented the right to purchase 1,500 shares of the Issuer's common stock at an exercise price of \$14.95.

- (2) The stock option was converted to the right to purchase 1,815 shares of the Issuer's common stock at an exercise price of \$12.35 effective with the spin-off of the Issuer's specialty chemical business on October 31, 2007. The original option agreement was granted on December 19, 2002 and became fully vested on December 19, 2003.

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