DEAVENPORT EARNEST W JR

Form 4 June 30, 2006

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DEAVENPORT EARNEST W JR

(First)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

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

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 06/29/2006 PEACHTREE STREET. NESUITE

(Middle)

(Zip)

2400

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)

or

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

5. Amount of

Issuer

below)

X_ Director

Applicable Line)

Officer (give title

6. Ownership Form: Direct (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Check all applicable)

Estimated average

burden hours per

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Derivative Conversion

Transactionof

5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price of Underlying Securities Derivative

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Units	(1)	06/29/2006		D		778 (2)	<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common Stock	778	\$ 39.2

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DEAVENPORT EARNEST W JR

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400

ATLANTA, GA 30309

Signatures

By: Jill A. Gilmer, under Power of Attorney For: Earnest W. Deavenport, Jr.

06/30/2006

**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) 1-for-1
 - Effective June 29, 2006, the Board amended and restated the Nonemployee Director Deferred Compensation Plan (formerly known as the Nonemployee Director Deferred Stock Unit Plan). As a result of this amendment and restatement, any share units previously credited to a
- (2) director's account as a result of dividend reinvestment were converted to cash and will be credited to the cash Investment Fund. The remaining share units will be held in the Deferred Stock Unit account and be payable in common stock of the Issuer at the time of distribution.
- (3) Stock units are payable in common stock of the Issuer upon retirement in either a lump sum or five annual installments.

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