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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

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

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170

(First)

04/06/2013

below) below) EVP- Customer Enabling Team Ld

PEACHTREE STREET. NE SUITE

(Street)

(State)

04/06/2013

2300

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

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

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1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

V Amount (D)

(A)

D

72.28

Price Code

998

(Instr. 3 and 4) $28,082 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$

Transaction(s)

Common Stock (1)

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | | | ate | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | nt of lying ities | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene |
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| | | | | | 4, and 3) | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | or Number of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

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

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Signatures

Mark A. Black 04/08/2013

**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 transaction(s) reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- (2) The total direct shares owned includes 26,080 time-vesting restricted shares.

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