HEAGLE JAMES H

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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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **HEAGLE JAMES H**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

10% Owner

1170 PEACHTREE STREET,

NE, SUITE 2400

(Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2004

below)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Executive Vice President

(Check all applicable)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

(A)

Reported 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)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

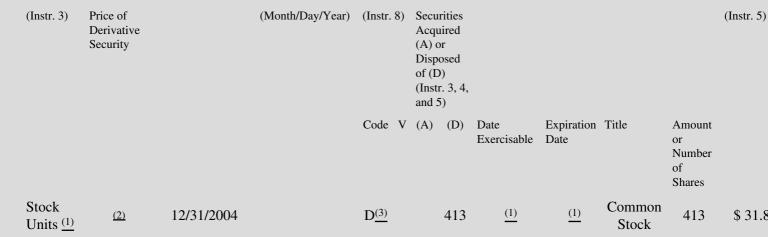
Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transactionof Code

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** Derivative (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Price of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HEAGLE JAMES H 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309

Executive Vice President

Signatures

James H. Heagle 01/04/2005

**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).
- (1) Stock Units are held in the Acuity Brands, Inc. Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan and will be paid in cash according to the plan's provisions.
- (2) 1-for-1

Pursuant to an amendment to the Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan by the Issuer effective December 31, 2004, stock units held by the (3) plan participants in certain company contribution accounts were converted using the closing price of the Issuer's common stock as reported by the New York Stock Exchange and transferred to the cash equivalent fund.

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