#### **ACUITY BRANDS INC**

Form 4

February 11, 2008

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

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obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **BROWNING PETER C** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

02/07/2008

X\_ Director

below)

10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170

(Street)

(First)

PEACHTREE ST NE STE 2400

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ATLANTA, 2Q 30309

(City) (State) (Zip) 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. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/07/2008		C	6,050	A	\$ 11.4	7,050	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2008		S	800	D	\$ 44.83	6,250	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2008		S	5,250	D	\$ 44.88	1,000	D	

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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)	Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Nonqualified Stock Option	\$ 11.4	02/07/2008		M	6,050	12/03/2002	12/03/2011	Common Stock	6,05

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BROWNING PETER C C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE ST NE STE 2400 ATLANTA, 2Q 30309



### **Signatures**

Peter C. Browning 02/11/2008

\*\*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).

This stock option previously represented the right to purchase 5,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock at an exercise price of \$13.80.

The stock option was converted to the right to purchase 6,050 shares of the Issuer's common stock at an exercise price of \$11.40 effective with the spin-off of the Issuer's specialty chemical business on October 31, 2007. The original option agreement was granted on December 3, 2001 and became fully vested on December 3, 2002.

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