

ACUITY BRANDS INC
Form 8-K
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 8, 2010**

**ACUITY BRANDS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
Company or organization)**

**001-16583
(Commission File Number)**

**58-2632672
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)**

**1170 Peachtree St., N.E., Suite 2400, Atlanta, GA
(Address of principal executive offices)**

**30309
(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 404-853-1400
Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 8, 2010, Acuity Brands, Inc. (the Company) announced that the Board of Directors of the Company has authorized the repurchase of an additional 2,000,000 shares, or almost 5%, of the Company s outstanding common stock. The Company also continues to have the authorization to buy back the remaining 512,300 shares of outstanding stock under a previously announced stock repurchase program. The Company expects to acquire shares primarily through open market transactions, subject to market conditions and other factors, and may enter into Rule 10b5-1 plans to facilitate open market repurchases. A copy of the press release announcing the additional stock repurchase program is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated July 8, 2010.

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: July 9, 2010

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Richard K. Reece
Richard K. Reece
Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

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99.1 Press Release dated July 8, 2010.