

MURPHY KENYON W  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MURPHY KENYON W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170  
PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE  
2400

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/06/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. Vice Pres. & Gen. Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of Derivative	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8.
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		S (1)
			Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M		1,200	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	1,200
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M		644	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	644
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M		200	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	200
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M		600	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	600
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M		1,200	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	1,200
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M		1,500	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	1,500
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M		600	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	600
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M		200	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	200
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M		600	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	600
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M		1,600	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	1,600
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M		1,900	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	1,900
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M		2,100	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common	2,100

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Stock Option								Stock	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M	900	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	900	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M	600	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	600	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M	700	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	700	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M	1,000	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	1,000	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M	700	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	700	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M	854	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	854	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M	2,302	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	2,302	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M	100	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	100	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M	400	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	400	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/06/2006	M	100	<u>(1)</u>	10/23/2010	Common Stock	100	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MURPHY KENYON W C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309			Sr. Vice Pres. & Gen. Counsel	

## Signatures

By: Jill A. Gilmer, under Power of Attorney For: Kenyon W.  
Murphy

01/10/2006

\_\_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) This option vested in equal annual installments over a four-year period and was fully vested on October 24, 2004.

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