

ACUITY BRANDS INC

Form 4

November 03, 2014

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170  
PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE  
2300**

(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)  
**10/30/2014**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ 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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	10/30/2014		M	1,815	A \$ 29.78 3,279 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	10/30/2014		S	1,815	D \$ 138.44 1,464 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

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 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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 29.78	10/30/2014		M		1,815		01/12/2007 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/11/2016	Common Stock
Stock Units <sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	11/03/2014		A		182		<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(6)</sup>	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BROWNING PETER C  
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.  
1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2300  
ATLANTA, GA 30309

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## Signatures

Peter C.  
Browning 11/03/2014

<sup>\*\*</sup>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 total direct shares owned includes 464 time-vesting restricted shares.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$138.34 to \$138.58, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Acuity Brands, Inc., any security holder of Acuity Brands, Inc., or the staff of the Security and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth herein.

This stock option previously represented the right to purchase 1,500 shares of the Issuer's common stock at an exercise price of \$36.04.  
(3) The stock option was converted to the right to purchase 1,815 shares of the Issuer's common stock at an exercise price of \$29.78 effective with the spin-off of the Issuer's specialty chemical business on October 31, 2007. The original option agreement was granted on January 12, 2006 and became fully vested on January 12, 2007.

(4) Stock Units are accrued under the Issuer's Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan (formerly known as the Nonemployee Directors' Stock Unit Plan) and are payable in shares upon retirement in either lump sum or five annual installments. Accruals include

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required and elective deferral of director fees. During the Reporting Period, fees paid to the Reporting Person resulted in an increase in the number of units held.

(5) 1-for-1

(6) Stock Units issued pursuant to the Plan are payable in common shares upon retirement in either a lump sum or five annual installments.

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