DEAVENPORT EARNEST W JR

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DEAVENPORT EARNEST W JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

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

(Street)

2400

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

01/12/2006

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(State) (Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

Reported Transaction(s)

(A) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date

5. Number

6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit

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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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 36.04	01/12/2006		A	1,500	01/12/2007	01/11/2016	Common Stock	1,5

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DEAVENPORT EARNEST W JR C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309

X

Signatures

Earnest W. 01/13/2006 Deavenport, Jr.

**Signature of Reporting

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