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HONEYCUTT KENNETH W Form 4 December 01, 2004 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading HONEYCUTT KENNETH W Issuer Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 11/29/2004 below) below) PEACHTREE STREET. NE SUITE Executive Vice President 2400 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **ATLANTA, GA 30309** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 5. Amount of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount Price (D) Common S F 11/29/2004 174 D 55,289 D Stock (1) 29.39 Common 1,541 \$ 11/30/2004 F D 53,748 D (2) Stock (1) 29.43 Common 42 (2) 11/30/2004 D D 53,706 D Stock (1) (3) 29.43

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships		
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
HONEYCUTT KENNETH W C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309			Executive Vice President		
Signatures					

Kenneth W. Honeycutt

12/01/2004

<u>**</u>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 transactions reported are the result of vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.

The terms of the Restricted Stock Award Agreement pursuant to which these restricted shares were issued requires that upon vesting one-third of the restricted shares be converted into cash using the closing price on the vesting date. A portion of the cash is used to pay

- (2) one-united of the resulted shares be converted into cash using the closing pirce of the vesting date. A portion of the cash is used to pay required withholding taxes and the remainder is paid to the reporting person. The transactions as reported show the cash attributed to tax withholding and the amount paid in cash.
- (3) The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions includes 11,133 time-vesting restricted shares.

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