

HARNETT GORDON D

Form 4

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**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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1(b).

**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 \*  
HARNETT GORDON D

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170  
PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE  
2400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/01/2012

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

(Street)  
ATLANTA, GA 30309

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | 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<br>Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities | 8. Price of<br>Derivative |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|

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| Security<br>(Instr. 3)    | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code<br>(Instr. 8) | Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Security<br>(Instr. 5) |                    |                 |                                        |         |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|---------|
|                           |                                                   |                         | Code               | V                                                                                               | (A)              | (D)              | Date<br>Exercisable    | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |         |
| Stock<br>Units <u>(1)</u> | <u>(2)</u>                                        | 05/01/2012              | A                  |                                                                                                 | 292              |                  | <u>(1)</u>             | <u>(3)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 292                                    | \$ 55.6 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                          | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                                         | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HARNETT GORDON D<br>C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.<br>1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400<br>ATLANTA, GA 30309 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Gordon D.  
Harnett

05/01/2012

    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) 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 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.

(2) 1-for-1

(3) 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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