ACUITY BRANDS INC

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(Last)

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(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

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

below)

(First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

02/01/2016

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

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

2300

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

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

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(State) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

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)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 1. Title of 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Expiration Date** Underlying Securities Derivative Derivative Conversion Transactionof

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)		Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Units (1)	<u>(2)</u>	02/01/2016		A		160		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	160	\$ 195.1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HARNETT GORDON D
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.
1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2300
ATLANTA, GA 30309

Signatures

/s/ Gordon D. Harnett 02/01/2016

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).

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.

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