

ACUITY BRANDS INC  
Form 8-K  
January 17, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 12, 2006

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**ACUITY BRANDS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**001-16583**  
(Commission File Number)

**58-2632672**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1170 Peachtree St., N.E., Suite 2400, Atlanta, GA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**30309**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 404-853-1400

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**Not Applicable**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

Attached hereto is a press release issued by Acuity Brands, Inc. (the Registrant ) on January 12, 2006, relating to its quarterly dividend. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

| <u>Designation</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
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| 99.1               | Press Release dated January 12, 2006 (Filed with the Commission as part of this Form 8-K.) |

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 17, 2006

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Vernon J. Nagel

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Vernon J. Nagel  
Chairman, President, and

Chief Executive Officer