

ACUITY BRANDS INC  
Form 8-K  
July 09, 2010

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 8, 2010**

**ACUITY BRANDS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
Company 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  
Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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.**

On July 8, 2010, Acuity Brands, Inc. (the Company ) announced that the Board of Directors of the Company has authorized the repurchase of an additional 2,000,000 shares, or almost 5%, of the Company s outstanding common stock. The Company also continues to have the authorization to buy back the remaining 512,300 shares of outstanding stock under a previously announced stock repurchase program. The Company expects to acquire shares primarily through open market transactions, subject to market conditions and other factors, and may enter into Rule 10b5-1 plans to facilitate open market repurchases. A copy of the press release announcing the additional stock repurchase program is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 Press Release dated July 8, 2010.

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**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: July 9, 2010

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Richard K. Reece  
Richard K. Reece  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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99.1 Press Release dated July 8, 2010.