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(Print or Type I	Responses)										
1. Name and A CLENDEN	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer						
(Last)	(First) (I	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Check all applicable)				
C/O ACUIT PEACHTRI 2400	(Month/Day/Year) 01/12/2006			_X_ Director Officer (giv below)		% Owner er (specify					
	(Street)		4. If Am	endment, D	ate Origina	al	6. Individual or	oint/Group Filing(Check			
Filed(Month/Day/					y/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by			One Reporting P	One Reporting Person Aore than One Reporting		
ATLANTA				Person							
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-l	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amour
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onof Derivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securit

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 36.04	01/12/2006		А	1,500	01/12/2007	01/11/2016	Common Stock	1,5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
r e g e e e e e e e e	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
CLENDENIN JOHN L C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309	Х					
Signatures						
By: Jill A. Gilmer, under Power of Attorney For Clendenin	01/2	17/2006				
**Signature of Reporting Person			1	Date		

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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