

ACUITY BRANDS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 01, 2009

**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): December 1, 2009**

**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.)

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**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))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 1, 2009, Acuity Brands, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing the commencement by its wholly-owned subsidiary, Acuity Brands Lighting, Inc. ( ABL ), of a private offering of \$400 million aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes due 2019, pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

A copy of the press release relating to the announcement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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

**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 December 1, 2009 Senior Notes Press Release

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: December 1, 2009

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

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

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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