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) August 2, 2006

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

30309 (Zip Code)

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))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On August 2, 2006, Acuity Brands, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that Vernon J. Nagel, the Company s Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer, established a stock trading plan effective August 1, 2006.

A copy of the Company s press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements And Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed herewith:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release dated August 2, 2006.

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: August 2, 2006

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Kenyon W. Murphy Kenyon W. Murphy

Senior Vice President and General Counsel