

ACUITY BRANDS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 22, 2005

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

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**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): February 22, 2005

**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)

**30309**  
(Zip Code)

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

**Not Applicable**

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(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**

On February 22, 2005, Acuity Brands, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release providing a strategic update and business outlook. In this press release, among other things, the Company announced that it is accelerating the implementation of key elements of its ongoing restructuring program, and that as part of such program, the Company expects to take a pretax charge of approximately \$17 million (or \$0.25 per diluted share) in its second quarter of 2005 to reflect the costs associated with the elimination of approximately 1,100 positions worldwide. Additionally, the Company provided guidance related to expected results for the second quarter of 2005.

The foregoing summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the press release referenced above, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated into Item 8.01 by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated February 22, 2005 (Filed with the Commission as part of this Form 8-K.)

**Signature**

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: February 22, 2005

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Vernon J. Nagel  
Vernon J. Nagel

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer