

ACUITY BRANDS INC  
Form 8-K  
August 15, 2007

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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): August 14, 2007**

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**ACUITY BRANDS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of Company

**001-16583**  
(Commission File Number)

**58-2632672**  
(I.R.S. Employer

or organization)

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)

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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 August 14, 2007, Acuity Brands, Inc. (the Company) announced that the Company has been authorized to repurchase an additional 2,000,000 shares, or almost 5%, of the Company's outstanding common stock. Also, at the end of the previous fiscal quarter, the Company had continuing authorization to buyback 368,300 shares of the Company's stock under the repurchase program announced in June of 2006. Under the share repurchase programs, the Company expects to acquire shares primarily through open market transactions, subject to market conditions and other factors. The Company may enter into Rule 10b5-1 plans to facilitate open market repurchases under the programs.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated August 14, 2007 (Filed with the Commission as part of this Form 8-K).

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 15, 2007

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

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

Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer,  
and General Counsel

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

99.1 Press Release dated August 14, 2007 (Filed with the Commission as part of this Form 8-K).