ACUITY BRANDS INC Form 8-K April 22, 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): April 20, 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.)

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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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 20, 2009, Acuity Brands announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Acuity Brands Lighting, Inc., completed the acquisition of Sensor Switch, Inc. The total value of the transaction was \$205 million consisting of stock, cash, and a note payable. A copy of the related press release is attached as exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated April 20, 2009.

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: April 22, 2009

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Richard K. Reece Richard K. Reece

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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99.1 Press Release dated April 20, 2009 (Filed with the Commission as part of this Form 8-K).