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

001-16583 (Commission File Number) 58-2632672 (I.R.S. Employer

of Company or organization)

Identification No.)

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1170 Peachtree St., N.E., Suite 2400, Atlanta, GA
(Address of principal executive offices)

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 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

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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

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99.1 December 1, 2009 Senior Notes Press Release