ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Miller Melisa A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700			02/17/2015	below) below) EVP & Pres, Retail Credit Svcs			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
PLANO, TX	75024			_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/17/2015		A <u>(1)</u>	1,326	A	<u>(1)</u>	35,012	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2015		A(2)	5,305	A	<u>(2)</u>	40,317	D	
Common Stock	02/18/2015		A(3)	1,794	A	<u>(3)</u>	42,111	D	
Common Stock	02/18/2015		F(4)	1,156	D	\$ 283.85	40,955 (5)	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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						Exercisable			of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Miller Melisa A 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 **PLANO, TX 75024**

EVP & Pres, Retail Credit Svcs

Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney

in Fact

02/19/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- The new grant is for 1,326 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 437 (1) units on 2/17/16, on 438 units on 2/17/17 and on 451 units on 2/20/18, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.
- The new grant is for 5,305 shares of common stock represented by performance-based restricted stock units, which may be adjusted up or down at the time the performance restriction lapses. The restriction may lapse with respect to 33% of such shares on each of 2/17/16 and 2/17/17 and with respect to 34% of such shares on 2/20/18 contingent on meeting an EBT metric for 2015 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.
- (3) Based on the Company's EBT performance in 2014, 135.5% of the original award of 5,053 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14 were earned, resulting in an additional 1,794 units, for a total of 6,847 units. The restrictions will lapse with respect to 2,259 units on 2/18/16 and with respect to 2,329 units on 2/21/17, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the

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remaining vesting dates.

- (4) Shares withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.
 - The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 15,912 unrestricted shares; (b) 715 unvested units from an award of 2,101 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (c) 4,289 unvested units from an award of 12,610 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (d) 1,212 unvested units from an award of 1,808 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (e) 6,761
- (5) unvested units from an award of 10,089 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (f) 847 unvested units from an award of 1,263 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (g) 4,588 unvested units from an award of 6,847 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (h) the new grant for 1,326 time-based restricted stock units; and (i) the new grant for 5,305 performance-based restricted stock units.

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