

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 HEFFERNAN EDWARD J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President and CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/16/2016

PLANO, TX 75024

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/16/2016		A <sup>(1)</sup>		5,026	A	11
Common Stock	02/16/2016		A <sup>(2)</sup>		20,104	A	2
					226,526		3

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HEFFERNAN EDWARD J 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 PLANO, TX 75024	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney  
in Fact 02/17/2016

\_\_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).
- (1) The new grant is for 5,026 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 1,659 units on each of 2/16/17 and 2/16/18 and on 1,708 units on 2/19/19, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.
- (2) The new grant is for 20,104 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 2/16/17 and 2/16/18 and with respect to 34% of such shares on 2/19/19 contingent on meeting an EBT metric for 2016 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.
- (3) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 173,834 unrestricted shares; (b) 1,893 unvested units from an award of 5,567 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (c) 10,564 unvested units from an award of 31,068 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (d) 2,514 unvested units from an award of 3,751 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (e) 13,624 unvested units from an award of 20,333 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (f) 3,814 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15; (g) 15,257 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15; (h) the new grant for 5,026 time-based restricted stock units; and (i) the new grant for 20,104 performance-based restricted stock units.

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