#### ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Miller Melisa A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

EVP & Pres, Card Services

Issuer

below)

CORP [ADS]

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director X\_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

(First)

700

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

(Month/Day/Year)

02/17/2016

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

**PLANO, TX 75024** 

(City)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-E	<b>Derivative</b>	Secui	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/17/2016		F(1)	820	D	\$ 191.1	39,621	D	
Common Stock	02/18/2016		F(1)	1,284	D	\$ 198.32	38,337 (2) (3)	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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	Deriv
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

Miller Melisa A EVP & 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 Pres, Card **PLANO, TX 75024** Services

# **Signatures**

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney 02/19/2016 in Fact

\*\*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) 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) 18,218 unrestricted shares; (b) 615 unvested units from an award of 1,808 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (c) 3,431 unvested units from an award of 10,089 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (d) 430 unvested units from an award of 1,263 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (e) 2,329 unvested
- (2) units from an award of 6,847 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (f) 889 unvested units from an award of 1,326 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15; (g) 3,555 unvested units from an award of 5,305 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15; (h) 1,774 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 2/16/16; and (i) 7,096 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/16/16.
- Based on the Company's EBT performance in 2015, 100% of the original award of 5,305 performance-based restricted stock units granted (3) 2/17/15 were earned. The restrictions will lapse with respect to 1,751 units on 2/17/17 and with respect to 1,804 units on 2/20/18, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the remaining vesting dates.

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