

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 \*  
 Epperson Leigh Ann K

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)  
 SVP, General Counsel & Secy

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/17/2015

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/17/2015		A <sup>(1)</sup>	335 A <u>(1)</u>	14,834	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2015		A <sup>(2)</sup>	1,340 A <u>(2)</u>	16,174	D	
Common Stock	02/18/2015		A <sup>(3)</sup>	500 A <u>(3)</u>	16,674	D	
Common Stock	02/18/2015		F <sup>(4)</sup>	205 D \$ 283.85	16,469 <sup>(5)</sup>	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 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 Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Epperson Leigh Ann K 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 PLANO, TX 75024			SVP, General Counsel & Secy	

## 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).
  - (1) The new grant is for 335 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 110 units on 2/17/16, on 111 units on 2/17/17 and on 114 units on 2/20/18, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.
  - (2) The new grant is for 1,340 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 1,409 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14 were earned, resulting in an additional 500 units, for a total of 1,909 units. The restrictions will lapse with respect to 630 units on 2/18/16 and with respect to 650 units on 2/21/17, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the remaining

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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) 9,040 unrestricted shares; (b) 249 unvested units from an award of 731 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (c) 1,493 unvested units from an award of 4,387 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (d) 380 unvested units from an award of 566 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (e) 2,116 unvested

- (5) units from an award of 3,158 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (f) 236 unvested units from an award of 352 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (g) 1,280 unvested units from an award of 1,909 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (h) the new grant for 335 time-based restricted stock units; and (i) the new grant for 1,340 performance-based restricted stock units.

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