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ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP Form 4 February 25, 2014 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Miller Melisa A Issuer Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS (Check all applicable) CORP [ADS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X\_Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 02/21/2014 EVP & Pres, Retail Credit Svcs 700 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **PLANO, TX 75024** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) anv Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported  $(\mathbf{I})$ (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common  $A^{(1)}$ 02/21/2014 2,857 Α (1) 46,705 D Stock Common 02/21/2014  $F^{(2)}$ D \$ 284.03 41,191 D 5.514 Stock \$ Common 02/24/2014 S 6,978 D 287.715 34,213 (4) D Stock (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)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	nsactionNumber Expirat de of (Month			7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans
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				(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			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				
Miller Melisa A 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 PLANO, TX 75024			EVP & Pres, Retail Credit Svcs					
Signatures								
Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney in Fact	02/25/2	014						
**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).

Based on the Company's EBT performance in 2013, 139.5% of the original award of 7,232 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13 were earned, resulting in an additional 2,857 units, for a total of 10,089 units. The restrictions will lapse with respect to 3,330 units on 2/23/15 and with respect to 3,431 units on 2/21/16, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the remaining vesting dates.

(2) Shares withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$287.47 to \$288.10, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Alliance Data Systems Corporation, any security holder of

- (3) Alliance Data Systems Corporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth herein.
- (4) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 13,823 unrestricted shares; (b) 1,097 unvested units from an award of 3,225 time-based restricted stock units granted 8/22/11; (c) 715 unvested units from an award of 2,101 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (d) 4,289 unvested units from an award of 12,610 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (e) 1,212

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unvested units from an award of 1,808 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (f) 6,761 unvested units from an award of 10,089 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (g) 1,263 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; and (h) 5,053 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14.

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