# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

# CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 2, 2013

# **ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**DELAWARE**(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-15749** (Commission File Number)

**31-1429215** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

# 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 PLANO, TEXAS 75024

(Address and Zip Code of Principal Executive Offices)

(214) 494-3000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

# NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:		
	]	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act
	]	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act
	]	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act
	1	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

#### ITEM 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 8, 2013, the Company issued a press release announcing that its board of directors has approved a new stock repurchase program to acquire up to \$400 million of the Company's common stock during 2013. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

#### ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

# **Exhibit No. Document Description**

99.1 Press release dated January 8, 2013 announcing a new stock repurchase program.

*Note:* The information contained in this report (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 8, 2013

Alliance Data Systems Corporation

By: /s/ Charles L. Horn

Charles L. Horn

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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### ALLIANCE DATA ANNOUNCES EXPANSION AND EXTENSION OF

#### STOCK REPURCHASE PROGRAM

#### \$400 Million Available for Repurchases During 2013

**DALLAS, TX, Jan. 8, 2013** – Alliance Data Systems Corporation (NYSE: ADS), a leading provider of loyalty and marketing solutions derived from transaction-rich data, today announced that its board of directors has approved a new stock repurchase program to acquire up to \$400 million of the Company's common stock during 2013. The program increases the Company's combined repurchase authorizations to approximately \$2.8 billion since the first quarter of 2008, of which approximately \$2.0 billion has been used to purchase approximately 36.3 million shares, representing approximately 46 percent of the Company's fully diluted shares outstanding when this program began in 2008. The new repurchase program replaces the existing program, which expired at the end of 2012.

Repurchases will be financed through free cash flow. The Company expects to maintain moderate levels of debt over the course of the repurchase program, providing flexibility to pursue tuck-in acquisitions, portfolio purchases and/or international loyalty coalition program expansions.

Charles Horn, chief financial officer of Alliance Data, said, "We are very optimistic about the Company's outlook for 2013 and are pleased to announce that we will continue our commitment to maximizing stockholder value through this new repurchase program. As communicated since 2007, we will always seek the right opportunities to repurchase our stock, and to do so while maintaining ample liquidity to support future growth of the business as needs dictate."

Under this repurchase program the Company is authorized to repurchase shares in open market purchases as well as in privately negotiated transactions from time to time through December 31, 2013. Stock purchased as part of this program will be held as treasury stock. The repurchase program's terms have been structured to comply with the SEC's Rule 10b-18, and the program is subject to market conditions, applicable legal requirements, contractual obligations, and other factors. The repurchase program does not obligate the Company to acquire any specific number of shares and may be suspended or terminated at any time.

#### **About Alliance Data**

Alliance Data® (NYSE: ADS) and its combined businesses is North America's largest and most comprehensive provider of transaction-based, data-driven marketing and loyalty solutions serving large, consumer-based industries. The Company creates and deploys customized solutions, enhancing the critical customer marketing experience; the result is measurably changing consumer behavior while driving business growth and profitability for some of today's most recognizable brands. Alliance Data helps its clients create and increase customer loyalty through solutions that engage millions of customers each day across multiple touch points using traditional, digital, mobile and other emerging technologies. Headquartered in Dallas, Alliance Data and its three businesses employ approximately 11,000 associates at more than 70 locations worldwide.

Alliance Data consists of three businesses: Alliance Data Retail Services, a leading provider of marketing-driven credit solutions; Epsilon®, a leading provider of multichannel, data-driven technologies and marketing services; and LoyaltyOne®, which owns and operates the AIR MILES® Reward Program, Canada's premier coalition loyalty program. For more information about the company, visit our web site, <a href="www.AllianceData.com">www.AllianceData.com</a>, or you can follow us on Twitter at <a href="www.Twitter.com/AllianceData">www.Twitter.com/AllianceData</a>.

#### Alliance Data's Safe Harbor Statement/Forward Looking Statements

This release may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such statements may use words such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "predict," "project" and similar expressions as they relate to us or our management. When we make forward-looking statements, we are basing them on our management's beliefs and assumptions, using information currently available to us. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, these forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including those discussed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

If one or more of these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary materially from what we projected. Any forward-looking statements contained in this presentation reflect our current views with respect to future events and are subject to these and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to our operations, results of operations, growth strategy and liquidity. We have no intention, and disclaim any obligation, to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future results or otherwise, except as required by law.

"Safe Harbor" Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Statements in this presentation regarding Alliance Data Systems Corporation's business which are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements" that involve risks and uncertainties. For a discussion of such risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements, see "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the most recently ended fiscal year. Risk factors may be updated in Item 1A in each of the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for each quarterly period subsequent to the Company's most recent Form 10-K.