FORM 4

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Instruction 1(b)

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HEFFERNAN EDWARD J</u>					AI	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP ADS											p of Reportin blicable) ctor			suer
(Last) 7500 DA	•	First) (Middle) RKWAY, SUITE 700				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2015									X	Offic belov	,	Other (specify below) and CEO		
(Street) PLANO (City)	T>		75024 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ine) ∑ine) X	ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Date)					Execution Date,					ities Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	1	Transa	action(s) 3 and 4)			(111511.4)
Common Stock 02/17/2				/2015	015			A <sup>(1)</sup>		3,814	3,814		(1)		2	219,324				
Common Stock 02/17/2				/2015	015			A <sup>(2)</sup>		15,257		A	(2)		234,581		D			
Common Stock 02/18/				/2015	2015			A <sup>(3)</sup>		5,327		A	(3)		239,908		D			
Common Stock 02/18/2				2015				F <sup>(4)</sup>	F <sup>(4)</sup> 3,			D	\$283.85		5 236,574 <sup>(5)</sup>		D			
	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. Deem Execution if any (Month/D	n Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)	Instr.	5. Nu of Deriv Secul Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5	ative rities ired osed . 3, 4	6. Date Expiration (Month/L	on Dat		Am Sec Un De	or Nu of	nstr. 3			9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I) (Inst	D) ect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The new grant is for 3,814 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 1,258 units on 2/17/16, on 1,259 units on 2/17/17 and on 1,297 units on 2/20/18, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.
- 2. The new grant is for 15,257 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 15,006 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14 were earned, resulting in an additional 5,327 units, for a total of 20,333 units. The restrictions will lapse with respect to 6,710 units on 2/18/16 and with respect to 6,914 units on 2/21/17, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the remaining vesting dates
- 4. Shares withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.
- 5. The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 162,606 unrestricted shares; (b) 2,031 unvested units from an award of 5,971 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (c) 12,182 unvested units from an award of 35,828 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (d) 3,730 unvested units from an award of 5,567 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (e) 20,816 unvested units from an award of 31,068 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (f) 2,514 unvested units from an award of 3,751 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (g) 13,624 unvested units from an award of 20,333 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (h) the new grant for 3,814 time-based restricted stock units; and (i) the new grant for 15,257 performancebased restricted stock units.

## Remarks:

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney in Fact \*\* Signature of Reporting Person

02/19/2015

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

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