Instruction 1(b)

FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ Director ADS ] Officer (give title below)

<u>Kennedy Bryan J</u> 10% Owner Other (specify below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) **EVP & President, Epsilon** 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 02/09/2016 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable (Street) Line) **PLANO** TX 75024 Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (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)					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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.4)	
Common Stock	02/09/2016		M <sup>(1)</sup>		7,724	A	\$43.01	126,078	D		
Common Stock	02/09/2016		S <sup>(1)</sup>		7,724	D	\$179	118,354 <sup>(2)</sup>	D		
Common Stock								600	I	By Norma Kay Kennedy Living Trust <sup>(3)</sup>	

## 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. Transa Code ( 8)		of Deri Seci Acq (A) ( Disp of (E	osed D) tr. 3, 4	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) es d		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to	\$43.01	02/09/2016		M <sup>(1)</sup>			7,724	(4)	02/13/2016	Common Stock	7,724	(4)	4,872 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Cashless exercise of employee stock options due to expire on February 13, 2016, ten years after such options were granted.
- 2. The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 99,577 unrestricted shares; (b) 811 unvested units from an award of 2,384 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (c) 4,525 unvested units from an award of 13,306 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; (d) 1,006 unvested units from an award of 1,501 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (e) 5,455 unvested units from an award of 8,141 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (f) 1,396 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15; and (g) 5,584 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15.
- 3. The shares are held in the Norma Kay Kennedy Living Trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person's mother. The Reporting Person serves as trustee.
- 4. This is an employee stock option grant that is fully vested.
- 5. The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes an option for 4,872 shares granted 2/21/07, which is fully vested.

## Remarks:

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney 02/11/2016

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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