# 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): October 24, 2016

# **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:		
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[	]	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act	
[	]	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act	
[	]	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act	

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 24, 2016, Alliance Data Systems Corporation issued a press release announcing that it proposes to offer, subject to market conditions and other factors, \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes due 2021 (the "Notes") to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and to certain non-U.S. persons in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The Notes will not be registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from such registration requirements. This report is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy any of these securities and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale is unlawful.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

#### **Exhibit No. Document Description**

99.1 Press Release dated October 24, 2016.

#### **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.

Alliance Data Systems Corporation

Date: October 24, 2016 By: /s/ Charles L. Horn

Charles L. Horn

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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#### Alliance Data Systems Corporation Announces Proposed Offering of \$400 Million of Senior Notes

**Plano, TX, October 24, 2016** — Alliance Data Systems Corporation (NYSE: ADS) ("*Alliance Data*") announced today that it proposes to offer, subject to market conditions and other factors, \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes due 2021 (the "*Notes*") to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "*Securities Act*"), and to certain non-U.S. persons in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. Alliance Data expects to use the net proceeds of the offering of the Notes to repay a portion of the outstanding indebtedness under the revolving credit facility provided for in its existing credit agreement (the "*Credit Agreement*") and for general corporate purposes.

The Notes will be general unsecured senior obligations of Alliance Data, will be guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by certain subsidiaries of Alliance Data that also guarantee the Credit Agreement, and will pay interest semi-annually. The interest rate and other terms of the Notes are to be determined by negotiations between Alliance Data and the initial purchasers.

The Notes will not be registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from such registration requirements.

This announcement is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy any of these securities and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale is unlawful.

Alliance Data Systems Corporation October 24, 2016

#### **About Alliance Data**

Alliance Data<sup>®</sup> (NYSE: ADS) is a leading global provider of data-driven marketing and loyalty solutions serving large, consumer-based industries. Alliance Data 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 emerging technologies. An S&P 500 and Fortune 500 company headquartered in Plano, Texas, Alliance Data consists of three businesses that together employ more than 16,000 associates at approximately 100 locations worldwide.

Alliance Data's Card Services business is a leading provider of marketing-driven branded credit card programs. Epsilon® is a leading provider of multichannel, data-driven technologies and marketing services, and also includes Conversant®, a leader in personalized digital marketing. LoyaltyOne® owns and operates the AIR MILES® Reward Program, Canada's premier coalition loyalty program, and Netherlands-based BrandLoyalty, a global provider of tailor-made loyalty programs for grocers.

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#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements give our expectations or forecasts of future events and can generally be identified by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "intend," "project," "plan," "likely," "may," "should" or other words or phrases of similar import. Similarly, statements that describe our business strategy, outlook, objectives, plans, intentions or goals also are forward-looking statements.

We believe that our expectations are based on reasonable assumptions. Forward-looking statements, however, are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the projections, anticipated results or other expectations expressed in this release, and no assurances can be given that our expectations will prove to have been correct. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, factors set forth in the Risk Factors section in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the most recently ended fiscal year, which may be updated in Item 1A of, or elsewhere in, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed for periods subsequent to such Form 10-K.

Our forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made, and we undertake no obligation, other than as required by applicable law, to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, subsequent events, anticipated or unanticipated circumstances or otherwise.