

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Pearson Bryan A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 EVP & President, LoyaltyOne

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/22/2016

PLANO, TX 75024

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | Code V Amount (D) Price                                           |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                            |
| Common Stock                    | 02/22/2016                           |                                                    | F <sup>(1)</sup>               | 2,858 D \$ 210.04                                                 | 22,495 <sup>(2)</sup>                                                                         | D                                                        |                                            |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 80,841                                                                                        | I                                                        | By 2456779 Ontario Inc. <sup>(3)</sup>     |

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) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|                                                                      | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| Pearson Bryan A<br>7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700<br>PLANO, TX 75024 |               |           | EVP & President, LoyaltyOne |       |

## Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney in Fact  
Date: 02/24/2016

\*\*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).
- (1) Shares withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.  
The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 519 unvested units from an award of 1,525 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (b) 2,811 unvested units from an award of 8,267 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/14; (c) 982 unvested units from an award of 1,465 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15; (d) 3,929 unvested units from an award of 5,864 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/17/15; (e) 1,830 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 2/16/16; (f) 7,323 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/16/16; and (g) 5,101 unrestricted shares.
- (3) The shares are held by 2456779 Ontario Inc., an Ontario, Canada corporation, of which the reporting person is the sole shareholder.

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