

Miller Melisa A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
Miller Melisa 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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700  
  
PLANO, TX 75024  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/05/2012  
  
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) EVP & Pres, Retail Credit Svcs  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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. 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 Ownership: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |                       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-----------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   | (D)  | Price                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/05/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 4,145   | D  |  | \$ 120.998            |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |  | 32,495 <sup>(2)</sup> |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |  | <sup>(1)</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)**

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| 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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Miller Melisa A<br>7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700<br>PLANO, TX 75024 |               |           | EVP & Pres, Retail Credit Svcs |       |

## Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney  
in Fact 03/07/2012

\_\_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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$120.96 to \$121.04, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Alliance Data Systems Corporation, any security holder of Alliance Data Systems Corporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth herein.
- (2) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 8,507 unrestricted shares; (b) 566 unvested units from an award of 1,662 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/22/10; (c) 2,371 unvested units from an award of 7,113 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/22/10; (d) 1,046 unvested units from an award of 1,560 time-based restricted stock units granted 3/21/11; (e) 6,273 unvested units from an award of 9,362 performance-based restricted stock units granted 3/21/11; (f) 3,225 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 8/22/11; (g) 2,101 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; and (h) 8,406 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12.

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