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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]

(Middle) (Last) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

10% Owner Other (specify

7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE

04/23/2013

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title below) EVP & President, LoyaltyOne

700

(State)

(Zip)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Director

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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PLANO, TX 75024

(City)

(City)	(State)	Tab	ole I - Non-l	Derivative	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				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	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	04/23/2013		M(1)	8,000	A	\$ 24.03	114,686	D	
Common Stock	04/23/2013		S <u>(1)</u>	8,000	D	\$ 166.469 (2)	106,686 (3)	D	

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)	Code	Transaction Derivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.03	04/23/2013		M <u>(1)</u>	8,000	<u>(4)</u>	06/23/2013	Common Stock	8,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pearson Bryan A 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 PLANO, TX 75024

EVP & President, LoyaltyOne

Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney in Fact 04/24/2013

**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) Cashless exercise of employee stock options due to expire on June 23, 2013, ten years after such options were granted.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$166.45 to \$166.55, 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.

The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 69,627 unrestricted shares; (b) 1,459 unvested units from an award of 4,291 time-based restricted stock units granted 3/21/11; (c) 8,756 unvested units from an award of 25,748 performance-based restricted

(3) stock units granted 3/21/11; (d) 2,132 unvested units from an award of 3,181 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (e) 12,790 unvested units from an award of 19,089 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/12; (f) 2,384 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13; and (g) 9,538 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/13.

(4) This is an employee stock option grant that is fully vested.

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The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 16,000 shares granted 2/2/04, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 20,000 shares granted 2/3/05, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 12,346 shares granted 2/3/05, which is fully vested; (d) an option for 7,724 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; and (e) an option for 4,628 shares granted 2/21/07, which is fully vested.

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