ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BALLOU ROGER H** Issuer Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS (Check all applicable) CORP [ADS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 02/21/2012 700 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **PLANO, TX 75024** Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	e Secu	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)		sed of	` '	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/21/2012		S	2,000	D	\$ 119.411 (1)	9,589	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2012		S	530	D	\$ 119.76	9,059	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2012		S	970	D	\$ 119.7	8,089 (2)	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)						
				Coue v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BALLOU ROGER H 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 X PLANO, TX 75024

Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney in Fact 02/23/2012

**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).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$119.40 to \$119.42, 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 amount of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 786 unrestricted shares; (b) 1,876 unvested restricted stock units granted (2) 7/1/08; (c) 2,145 unvested restricted stock units granted 7/1/09; (d) 1,367 unvested restricted stock units granted 6/30/10; and (e) 1,915 unvested restricted stock units granted 6/30/11.

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