

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP
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VIA EMAIL

Institutional Shareholder Services
US Research Team

Re: Alliance Data Systems Corporation (NYSE: ADS)
Proxy Statement for 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held June 3, 2015

Please be advised that as of May 15, 2015, Alliance Data Systems Corporation (the "Company") had 62,048,642 shares of common stock outstanding. As of May 15, 2015, as a result of grants made under all of our equity plans, there were outstanding 112,940 vested but unexercised options to purchase our common stock at a weighted average exercise price of \$48.56 per share with a weighted average remaining term of 2.0 years; 2,296 unvested options to purchase our common stock at a weighted average exercise price of \$30.46 per share with a weighted average remaining term of 7.2 years; 321,516 unvested time-based restricted stock units; and 470,009¹ unvested performance-based restricted stock units. As of May 15, 2015, there were 1,202,690 shares of common stock remaining available for future issuance under our 2010 Omnibus Incentive Plan.²

| Plan Category | Number of Securities to be Issued upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights | Weighted Average Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights | Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in the First Column) | |
|--|---|--|---|-----|
| Equity compensation plans approved by security holders | 115,236 | \$ 48.20 | 1,644,017 | (a) |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders | None | N/A | None | |
| Total | 115,236 | \$ 48.20 | 1,644,017 | |

(a) Includes 441,327 shares available for future issuance under the Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

¹ Of this 470,009 unvested performance-based restricted stock units, 218,414 are unearned because the performance period extends from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

² In clarification of the information previously included in our 2015 Proxy Statement, the Company commits to grant

awards representing no greater than 10,000 shares pursuant to the 2010 Omnibus Incentive Plan between the date of this filing and the termination of the 2010 Omnibus Incentive Plan on June 30, 2015.
