

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP
Form 8-K
October 18, 2011

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported):
October 18, 2011

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-15749
(Commission
File Number)

31-1429215
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700
PLANO, TEXAS 75024
(Address and Zip Code of Principal Executive Offices)

(214) 494-3000
(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

NOT APPLICABLE
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

ITEM 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On October 18, 2011, Alliance Data Systems Corporation issued a press release announcing that it has signed a long-term extension agreement with a subsidiary of Express, Inc. to continue providing private label credit card and marketing services for Express. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

No. Document Description

99.1 Press release dated October 18, 2011, announcing an agreement with Express.

Note: The information contained in this report (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Alliance Data Systems Corporation

Date: October 18, 2011

By:

/s/ Charles L. Horn
Charles L. Horn
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Audit Fees

\$17,000

\$130,000

Audit Related Fees

-0-

-0-

Tax Fees

-0-

45,000

All Other Fees

-0-

-0-

Total Fees

\$17,000

\$175,000

Audit fees include professional services rendered for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements, management's assessment of internal controls, and reviews of financial statements included in the Company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q.

Audit related fees include services that are normally provided by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm in connection with statutory and regulatory filings, such as consents and assistance with and review of documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Tax fees include professional services rendered for the preparation of the Company's federal and state corporate tax returns and supporting schedules as may be required by the Internal Revenue Service and applicable state taxing authorities. Tax fees also include other work directly affecting or supporting the payment of taxes, including planning and research of various tax issues.

PKF served as the Company's independent registered public accountants for the quarters ended June 30, 2008 and September 30, 2008 and for the year ended December 31, 2008. The following are fees billed by and accrued to PKF in connection with services rendered:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Audit Fees	\$115,000	\$-0-
Audit Related Fees	-0-	-0-
Tax Fees	40,000	-0-
All Other Fees	-0-	-0-
Total Fees	\$155,000	\$-0-

Audit fees include professional services rendered for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements, management's assessment of internal controls, and reviews of financial statements included in the Company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q.

Audit related fees include services that are normally provided by the Company's independent auditors in connection with statutory and regulatory filings, such as consents and assistance with and review of documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Tax fees include professional services rendered for the preparation of the Company's federal and state corporate tax returns and supporting schedules as may be required by the Internal Revenue Service and applicable state taxing authorities. Tax fees also include other work directly affecting or supporting the payment of taxes, including planning and research of various tax issues.

Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy

The Audit Committee has adopted a policy for the pre-approval of audit and permitted non-audit services provided by the Company's principal independent registered public accounting firm. The policy requires that all services provided by our principal independent registered public accounting firm to the Company, including audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services, must be pre-approved by the Committee. The pre-approval requirements do not prohibit day-to-day normal tax consulting services, which matters will not exceed \$10,000 in the aggregate.

The Audit Committee has determined that the provision of the non-audit services described above is compatible with maintaining PKF's independence.

COMPARATIVE STOCK PERFORMANCE

The line graph compares the total return of the Company's common stock for the last five years to the FTSE NAREIT ALL REIT Total Return Index published by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT) and to the S&P 500 Index for the same period. The total return reflects stock price appreciation and dividend reinvestment for all three comparative indices. The information herein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but neither its accuracy nor its completeness is guaranteed.

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

There are no family relationships between any of the Directors or executive officers of the Company, except that Samuel A. Landy and Michael P. Landy are the sons of Eugene W. Landy, the Chairman of the Board and a Director

of the Company.

Eugene W. Landy and Samuel A. Landy are partners in the law firm of Landy & Landy, which firm, or its predecessor firms, have been retained by the Company as legal counsel since the formation of the Company, and which firm the Company proposes to retain as legal counsel for the current fiscal year. The Company now uses outside counsel for most of the legal services required. The New Jersey Supreme Court has ruled that the relationship of directors also serving as outside counsel is not per se improper, but the attorney should fully discuss the issue of conflict with the other directors and disclose it as part of the proxy statement so that stockholders can consider the conflict issue when voting for or against the attorney/director nominee.

No director, executive officer, or any immediate family member of such director or executive officer may enter into any transaction or arrangement with the Company without the prior approval of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will appoint a Business Judgment Committee consisting of independent directors who are also independent of the transaction or arrangement. This Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors approval or disapproval of the transaction or arrangement. In determining whether to approve such a transaction or arrangement, the Business Judgment Committee will take into account, among other factors, whether the transaction was on terms no less favorable to the Company than terms generally available to third parties and the extent of the executive officer's or director's involvement in such transaction or arrangement. While the Company does not have specific written standards for approving such related party transactions, such transactions are only approved if it is in the best interest of the Company and its stockholders. Additionally, the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics requires all directors, officers and employees who may have a potential or apparent conflict of interest to immediately notify the Company's General Counsel. Further, to identify related party transactions, the Company submits and requires our directors and executive officers to complete director and officer questionnaires identifying any transactions with the Company in which the director, executive officer or their immediate family members have an interest.

There are five Directors of the Company who are also Directors and stockholders of MREIC. Anna T. Chew, Eugene W. Landy and Samuel A. Landy, nominees for Director, are also Directors of MREIC. The Company holds common stock and convertible debentures of MREIC in its securities portfolio.

Transactions with Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corporation

On July 31, 2007, Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corporation (MREIC) and Monmouth Capital Corporation (MCC), both related entities to the Company, completed a strategic combination whereby a wholly-owned subsidiary of MREIC merged with and into MCC, and MCC survived as a wholly-owned subsidiary of MREIC. Each outstanding share of MCC's common stock was converted into and exchanged for 0.655 shares of MREIC's common stock. At the time of the merger, the Company had 107,403 shares of MCC common stock which was converted and exchanged for 70,349 shares of MREIC's common stock. Additionally, the Company's \$1,000,000 investment in MCC's outstanding 8% Convertible Subordinated Debentures due 2013 (2013 debentures) is now convertible into MREIC common stock at an adjusted conversion price of \$9.16 per share. The Company's \$5,000,000 investment in MCC's outstanding 8% Convertible Subordinated Debentures due 2015 is now convertible into MREIC common stock at an adjusted conversion price of \$11.45 per share. On October 10, 2008, MREIC repurchased the Company's \$1,000,000 investment in MCC's 2013 debentures. The repurchase was at par.

Prior to the merger of MREIC and MCC, the Company operated as part of a group of three public companies (all REITs) which includes the Company, MREIC and MCC, (collectively the affiliated companies). Some general and administrative expenses were allocated among the affiliated companies based on use or services provided. Allocations of salaries and benefits are made based on the amount of the employees' time dedicated to each affiliated company. Subsequent to the merger, shared expenses are allocated between the Company and MREIC.

The Company has purchased shares of MREIC common stock primarily through MREIC's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan. On September 13, 2007, the Company purchased 1,000,000 shares of MREIC common stock from Palisade Concentrated Equity Partnership, L.P. (Palisade), an unrelated entity. The total consideration for the purchase was \$8,500,000. On November 23, 2007, the Company purchased an additional 325,704 shares of MREIC common stock from Palisade for a total consideration of \$2,768,484. In addition to the convertible debentures, the Company now owns a total of 1,537,998 shares of MREIC common stock, representing 6.2% of the total shares outstanding at December 31, 2008.

Other Matters

The Company has employment agreements with certain executive officers, which in addition to base compensation, bonuses and fringe benefits, provides for specified retirement benefits. The Company has accrued these benefits on a present value basis over the terms of the agreements. Amounts accrued under these agreements were \$567,058 and \$597,058 at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

In August, 1999, the Company entered into a lease for its corporate offices. The lease is for a five-year term at market rates with monthly lease payments of \$12,000, plus its proportionate share of real estate taxes and common area maintenance. The lessor of the property is owned by certain officers and directors of the Company. The lease payments and the resultant lease term commenced on May 1, 2000. Approximately 50% of the monthly lease payment of \$12,000, plus its proportionate share of real estate taxes and common area maintenance is reimbursed by other related entities utilizing the leased space (Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corporation and Monmouth Capital Corporation). On May 1, 2005, the Company renewed this lease for an additional five-year term. The monthly lease payment was increased to \$15,000, plus its proportionate share of real estate taxes and common area maintenance.

COMPLIANCE WITH EXCHANGE ACT FILING REQUIREMENTS

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, requires the Company's Officers and Directors, and persons who own more than 10% of the Company's Common Stock, to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Officers, Directors and greater than 10% stockholders are required by Securities and Exchange Commission regulations to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Based solely on review of the copies of such forms furnished to the Company, the Company believes that, during the year, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to its Officers, Directors and greater than 10% beneficial owners were met.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board of Directors knows of no other matters other than those stated in this Proxy Statement which are to be presented for action at the Annual Meeting. If any other matters should properly come before the Annual Meeting, it is intended that proxies in the accompanying form will be voted on any such matter in accordance with the judgment of the persons voting such proxies. Discretionary authority to vote on such matters is conferred by such proxies upon the persons voting them.

The Company will provide, without charge, to each person being solicited by this Proxy Statement, on the written request of any such person, a copy of the Annual Report of the Company on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 (as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission), including the financial statements and schedules thereto. All such requests should be directed to UMH Properties, Inc., Attention: Stockholder Relations, Juniper Business Plaza, 3499 Route 9 North, Suite 3-C, Freehold, NJ 07728.

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

In order for Stockholder Proposals for the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be eligible for inclusion in the Company's 2010 Proxy Statement, they must be received by the Company at its office at Juniper Business Plaza, 3499 Route 9 North, Suite 3-C, Freehold, New Jersey 07728 not later than December 4, 2009.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/Elizabeth Chiarella

Elizabeth Chiarella

Secretary

Dated: April 28, 2009

Important: Stockholders can help the Directors avoid the necessity and expense of sending follow-up letters to insure a quorum by promptly casting their vote. The proxy is revocable and will not affect your right to vote in person in the event you attend the meeting. You are earnestly requested to cast your vote in order that the necessary quorum may be represented at the meeting.

