

ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, INC.  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, INC., 4640 TRUEMAN BOULEVARD</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>HILLARD, OH 43026</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>07/24/2014</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, INC. [WMS]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|   | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 2.50% Cumulative Convertible Voting Preferred Stock | Â (1)            | Â (1)           | Common Stock | 20,099,093 (2)             | \$ (2)              | D (3) Â   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
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## Signatures

Anthony E. Hunter, Vice President, Fifth Third Bank of Columbus, Ohio as Trustee for:  
Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust /s/ Anthony E. Hunter

07/24/2014

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 shares of 2.50% Cumulative Convertible Voting Preferred Stock ("Convertible Preferred Stock") have no expiration date and are convertible at any time at the election of the trustee of the Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan/Employee Stock Ownership Trust ("ESOP"). Each share of Convertible Preferred Stock will automatically convert immediately upon distribution to ESOP participants or a transfer to any person other than the trustee.
  - (2) The ESOP trustee holds 26,129,868 shares of Convertible Preferred Stock. Upon conversion, each share of Convertible Preferred Stock will convert into 0.7692 shares of Common Stock.
  - (3) The ESOP trustee holds all of the Issuer's Convertible Preferred Stock, 8,404,702 shares of which are allocated to the accounts of ESOP participants, and 17,725,166 shares of which remain unallocated as of the date of this filing.

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