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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 STEYN DAVID A Issuer Symbol ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN (Check all applicable) HOLDING L.P. [AB] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner _X_ Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN 01/20/2012 Former Chief Operating Officer L.P., 1345 AVENUE OF THE **AMERICAS** (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

NEW YORK, NY 10105

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 3. 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price Code V Amount by rabbi trust units rep. under assignments 46,192 incentive of beneficial 14.896 231,219 I $01/20/2012^{(2)}$ A (2)(3)compensation (2) owner. of lp award interests (1) program By Alliance Trust SIPP Holding 62,921 Ι Units FBO David

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Derivativ	e Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Da	ate Amou		nt of	Derivative	J
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative			Securities		(Instr. 5)]
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				Code V	(A) (D)		*	Title	Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STEYN DAVID A C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P. 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105

Former Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ Mona Bhalla, by pwr. of att'y

01/24/2012

**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).
- (1) Units representing assignments of beneficial ownership of limited partnership interests in AllianceBernstein Holding L.P. ("Holding Units").
- The price set forth in the table is the average of the closing prices of a Holding Unit as reported for New York Stock Exchange composite transactions for the five business day period that commenced on January 13, 2012 and concluded on January 20, 2012. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors granted the award at a regular meeting duly called and held on December 9, 2011. This form was not filed within 48 hours of grant date because the Holding Unit value was not calculated until January 20, 2012.
- (3) Reporting Person's 2011 incentive compensation award was made in the form of Holding Units. She therefore may be deemed to have acquired 36,923 Holding Units. These Holding Units are held in a rabbi trust under AllianceBernstein's incentive compensation award

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program until they vest and are distributed to the Reporting Person. The award vests, subject to various agreements and restrictive covenants set forth in the applicable award agreement, in equal annual increments on each of December 1, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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