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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, INC. [WMS] À ADVANCED DRAINAGE (Month/Day/Year) 07/24/2014 SYSTEMS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O ADVANCED DRAINAGE (Check all applicable) SYSTEMS, INC., 4640 TRUEMAN BOULEVARD _X__ 10% Owner Director (Street) Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting HILLARD. OHÂ 43026 Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security 3. Title and Amount of 5. 6. Nature of Indirect 2. Date Exercisable and (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative

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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	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	20,099,093 (2)	\$ <u>(2)</u>	D (3)	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
		10% Owner	Officer	Othe		
ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP						
PLAN						
C/O ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, INC.	Â	ÂΧ	Â	Â		
4640 TRUEMAN BOULEVARD						
HILLARD. OH 43026						

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.

07/24/2014

Hunter

**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).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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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