Cranch Laurence E Form 4 January 22, 2013

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Cranch Laurence E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

HOLDING L.P. [AB]

ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN

Director 10% Owner Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2013

below) General Counsel

C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P., 1345 AVENUE OF THE

**AMERICAS** 

(City)

Units (1)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securiti omr Disposo (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of (	` ′	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
units rep. assignments of beneficial owner. of lp interests (1)	01/18/2013(2)		A	28,290 (2) (3)	A	\$	152,031	I	by rabbi trust under incentive compensation program
Holding							5,659	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	9.
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Date		Amount of		Derivative	D
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Unde	rlying	Security	Se
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					4, and 5)						
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									or		
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# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cranch Laurence E C/O ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN L.P. 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105

General Counsel

## **Signatures**

/s/ Mona Bhalla, by power of attorney

01/22/2013

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

# **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).
- 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 14, 2013 and concluded on January 18, 2013. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors granted the award at a regular meeting duly called and held on December 3, 2012. This form was not filed within 48 hours of grant date because the Holding Unit value was not calculated until January 18, 2013.
- (3) Reporting Person's 2012 incentive compensation award was made in the form of Holding Units. He therefore may be deemed to have acquired 28,290 Holding Units. These Holding Units are held in a rabbi trust under AllianceBernstein's incentive compensation award program until they vest and are distributed to the Reporting Person. The award vests, subject to various agreements and restrictive

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covenants set forth in the applicable award agreement, in equal annual increments on each of December 1, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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