

ASSOCIATED ESTATES REALTY CORP
 Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Shannon John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ASSOCIATED ESTATES REALTY CORP [AEC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1 AEC PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/07/2015

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. V.P., Operations

RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH 44143

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Shares, without par value | 08/07/2015 | | D | | 200,577 | D | \$ 28.75 0 <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Shares, without par value | 08/07/2015 | | D | | 3,281.3523 <u>(2)</u> | D | \$ 28.75 0 <u>(1)</u> |

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Deferred Share Units ⁽³⁾ | <u>(4)</u> | 08/07/2015 | | D | 12,039 ⁽⁵⁾ | <u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u> | Common Share 12,039 |
| Employee Stock Options | \$ 11.26 | 08/07/2015 | | D | 39,090 | <u>(7)</u> 02/27/2016 | Common Shares 39,090 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Shannon John 1 AEC PARKWAY RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OH 44143 | | | Sr. V.P., Operations | |

Signatures

/s/ Sue Bozek, as
Attorney-in-Fact 08/11/2015

__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) Disposed of pursuant to a merger agreement among the Issuer, BSREP II Aries Pooling LLC and BSREP II Aries DE Merger Sub Inc. in exchange for the right to receive \$28.75 in cash per share.
- (2) Balance as of August 6, 2015
- (3) Deferred compensation held under the Issuer's deferred compensation plans ("DSUs").
- (4) Each DSU was the economic equivalent of one Issuer common share, and were initially payable pursuant to the Reporting Person's deferred compensation elections.

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- (5) Includes DSUs acquired pursuant to dividend reinvestment.
- (6) Disposed of pursuant to a merger agreement among the Issuer, BSREP II Aries Pooling LLC and BSREP II Aries DE Merger Sub Inc. in exchange for the right to receive \$28.75 in cash per DSU.
- (7) Options were fully vested.
Disposed of pursuant to a merger agreement among the Issuer, BSREP II Aries Pooling LLC and BSREP II Aries DE Merger Sub Inc. in
- (8) exchange for the right to receive \$17.49 per share underlying the stock options, representing the spread between the exercise price and the merger price of \$28.75 per share.

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