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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KASITZ KEVIN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

HALLMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES INC [HALL]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

777 MAIN STREET, SUITE 1000

09/08/2014

Issuer

Executive Vice President; COO

10% Owner

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

Applicable Line)

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(Instr. 4)

Reported (A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Following

COMMON STOCK

Code V Amount (D) Price

> 26,426 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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	(1)	09/08/2014		A	14,234	03/31/2017	03/31/2017	COMMON STOCK
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	(2)	05/30/2013(2)		A	15,040	03/31/2016	03/31/2016	COMMON STOCK
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	(3)	05/30/2013(3)		A	16,730	03/31/2015	03/31/2015	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 6.61					<u>(4)</u>	04/01/2019	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.46					<u>(5)</u>	05/22/2018	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 12.52					<u>(6)</u>	05/24/2017	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.34					<u>(7)</u>	05/25/2016	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 7.14					(8)	05/27/2015	COMMON STOCK

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KASITZ KEVIN 777 MAIN STREET SUITE 1000 FORT WORTH, TX 76102

Executive Vice President; COO

Signatures

STEVEN D. DAVIDSON AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR KEVIN KASITZ

09/10/2014

**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).

Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive shares of common stock upon satisfaction of vesting requirements and performance criteria. The performance criteria are based on the compound average annual growth rate ("CAGR") in book value per share from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016, and earn a percentage of a share of common stock per restricted stock unit, as follows: (i)

- (1) CAGR less than 8% earns 0%; (ii) 8% CAGR earns 50%; (iii) 9% CAGR earns 64%; (iv) 10% CAGR earns 79%; (v) 11% CAGR earns 93%; (vi) 12% CAGR earns 107% shares; (vii) 13% CAGR earns 122%; (viii) 14% CAGR earns 136%; and (ix) 15% or greater CAGR earns 150%.
 - Represents restricted stock units conditionally granted April 10, 2013 subject to shareholder approval, which was obtained May 30, 2013. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive shares of common stock upon satisfaction of vesting requirements and performance criteria. The performance criteria are based on the compound average annual growth rate ("CAGR") in book value per share
- (2) from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015, and earn a percentage of a share of common stock per restricted stock unit, as follows: (i) CAGR less than 8% earns 0%; (ii) 8% CAGR earns 50%; (iii) 9% CAGR earns 64%; (iv) 10% CAGR earns 79%; (v) 11% CAGR earns 93%; (vi) 12% CAGR earns 107% shares; (vii) 13% CAGR earns 122%; (viii) 14% CAGR earns 136%; and (ix) 15% or greater CAGR earns 150%.
 - Represents restricted stock units conditionally granted July 27, 2012 subject to shareholder approval, which was obtained May 30, 2013. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive shares of common stock upon satisfaction of vesting requirements and performance criteria. The performance criteria are based on the compound average annual growth rate ("CAGR") in book value per share
- (3) from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014, and earn a percentage of a share of common stock per restricted stock unit, as follows: (i) CAGR less than 8% earns 0%; (ii) 8% CAGR earns 50%; (iii) 9% CAGR earns 64%; (iv) 10% CAGR earns 79%; (v) 11% CAGR earns 93%; (vi) 12% CAGR earns 107% shares; (vii) 13% CAGR earns 122%; (viii) 14% CAGR earns 136%; and (ix) 15% or greater CAGR earns 150%.
- (4) Represents grant of employee stock options which become exercisable in seven equal annual installments commencing April 1, 2010.
- (5) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 3,750, 7,500, 11,250 and 15,000 shares on May 22, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively.
- (6) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 7,500, 15,000, 22,500 and 30,000 shares on May 24, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively.
- (7) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 1,667, 3,333, 5,000 and 6,667 shares on May 25, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, respectively.
- (8) Represents employee stock options exercisable as to 1,667, 3,333, 5,000 and 6,667 shares on May 27, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively.

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