

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP
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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 *
 UTAY ALAN M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/26/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, CAO, Gen. Counsel, Secy

DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Stock	04/26/2006		M	10,000 A \$ 14.665	59,880	D	
Common Stock	04/26/2006		S	10,000 D \$ 55.8872	49,880	D	
Common Stock	04/26/2006		S	1,300 D \$ 55.85	48,580	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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.665	04/26/2006		M	10,000	(1) 09/25/2012	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
UTAY ALAN M 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75252-8012			EVP, CAO, Gen. Counsel, Secy	

Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney
in Fact 04/27/2006

**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) This is an employee stock option grant that is fully vested.

The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 29,900 out of an original 50,000 shares granted 8/30/01, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 13,182 out of an original 50,000 shares granted 9/26/02, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 28,919 shares granted 6/24/03, of which 19,086 shares are fully vested and 9,833 shares will vest on 6/23/06; (d) an option for 29,472 shares granted 2/2/04, of which 19,452 shares are fully vested and 10,020 shares will vest on 2/2/07; (e) an option for 13,812 shares granted 2/3/05, of which 4,557 shares vested on 2/3/06, 4,557 shares will vest on 2/3/07 and 4,698 shares will vest on 2/3/08; and (f) an option for 16,565 shares granted 2/13/06, of which 5,466 shares will vest on each of 2/13/07 and 2/13/08 and 5,633 shares will vest on 2/13/09.

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