## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     SCULLION JOHN W  (Last) (First) (Middle)  17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ ADS ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/11/2009										5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below)  former officer					
(Street) DALLAS TX 75252-8012 (City) (State) (Zip)					_			,				(Month/Da	Line	Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
Table I - Non-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					saction	1	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			3. Transacti Code (Ins	on	4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			(A) or	5. Amou Securitie Benefici Owned F	s For ally (D) ollowing (I) (		r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									ď	Code V	,	Amount	(A	A) or D)	Price	Reporter Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 09/11/						)09			M		10,000		A	\$15	210	),663		D			
Common Stock 09/11/					1/200	/2009				S		10,000	0	D	\$58.6	8 200,	200,663(1)		D		
		-	Table II -									sed of, onvertil				Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)				Exp	Date Exer piration D pnth/Day/	ate		of Sec Under Deriva	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	s Silly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exe	te ercisable		xpiration vate	Title	O N	Amount or Number of Shares						
Employee Stock Option (Right to	\$15	09/11/2009			M			10,000		(2)	0	8/31/2010	Comn		10,000	(2)	177,904	(3)	D		

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 66,153 unrestricted shares; (b) 2,641 unvested shares from an original award of 7,765 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07; (c) 6,698 unvested shares from an original award of 13,395 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07; (d) 68,844 unvested shares from an original award of 102,752 performance-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08; and (e) 56,327 unvested shares from an original award of 84,070 time-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08.
- 2. This is an employee stock option grant that is fully vested.
- 3. The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 13,334 out of an original 80,000 shares granted 9/1/00, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 35,723 shares granted 6/24/03, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 34,735 shares granted 2/2/04, which is fully vested; (e) an option for 24,691 shares granted 2/3/05, which is fully vested; (f) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; and (g) an option for 18,268 shares granted 2/21/07, of which 12,056 shares are fully vested and 6,212 shares will vest on 2/21/10.

### Remarks:

Effective as of 5/1/09, the Reporting Person is no longer subject to Section 16.

Leigh Ann K. Epperson 09/15/2009 Attorney in Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* 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).

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