FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     SZEFTEL IVAN M  (Last) (First) (Middle)						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ ADS ]									k all app Dired	olicable) ctor er (give title		Owner (specify	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2009								Exe	Executive Vice President / President Retail Credit Svcs.				
(Street)	5 TX	ζ 7	12	4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line)	S. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
(City)	(St	ate) (	Zip)												Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securit Disposed 5)							6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or F	Price	Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(1130.4)	
Common Stock 02/13/2						2009		F <sup>(1)</sup>		1,288	I	) !	\$36.88	27	4,152 <sup>(2)</sup>	D			
	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)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Date Expiration Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amount of Or Number of Title Shares		r. 3	Price of ivative curity str. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 1,288 shares were withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.
- 2. The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 66,371 unrestricted shares; (b) 4,943 unvested shares from an original award of 7,377 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07; (c) 16,016 unvested shares from an original award of 21,354 performance-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08; and (e) 84,070 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08.

## Remarks:

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, **Attorney in Fact** 

02/18/2009

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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