# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SCULLION JOHN W (Last) (First) (Middle) 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP</u> [ ADS ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title X Other (specify below)			
		( )	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/23/2004	President-Loyalty Group / CEO-Loyalty Group			
(Street) DALLAS (City)	DALLAS TX 75252-8012		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
			/ vative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benef				

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Disposed Of 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(11311 4)
Common Stock	01/23/2004		S <sup>(1)</sup>		7,000	D	\$28	34,277 <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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of Expi Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Date		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

## Explanation of Responses:

1. The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on November 26, 2003. The trading plan was established to sell up to 7,000 shares of the Company's common stock. Portions of the shares may be sold on specified dates or any time the stock achieves certain pre-arranged minimum prices and may take place beginning on January 1, 2004 and ending on March 1, 2004, unless sooner terminated. The Reporting Person will have no control over the timing of any sales under the plan and there can be no assurance that the shares covered by the plan actually will be sold. The Reporting Person entered into the plan for personal tax and financial planning purposes and will continue to have a significant ownership interest in the Company. 2. The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 28,000 out of an original 35,000 shares of restricted stock granted 9/1/00, of which 14,000 shares are vested; and (b) 6,277 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 6/24/03, of which 0 shares are vested.

### **Remarks:**

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney in Fact

01/23/2004

\*\* 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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#### REVOCATION AND APPOINTMENT OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby revokes and rescinds the Power of Attorney dated January 16, 2002, which appointed Alan Utay, Carolyn Melvin and Jeanette Fitzgerald as attorneys-in-fact, for purposes of completing, executing and filing any applicable Forms 3, 4 and 5 as further set out in that Power of Attorney.

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Alan M. Utay, Leigh Ann K. Epperson and Jeanette P. Fitzgerald as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Alliance Data Systems Corporation (the "Company"), any filing in connection with the undersigned's holdings of or transactions in securities issued by the Company, including but not limited to, Forms 3, 4 or 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules thereunder, or Form 144 in accordance with Rule 144 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules thereunder;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form, including but not limited to, Forms 3, 4, 5 or 144, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this power of attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

This power of attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, 5, or 144, or any other form with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this power of attorney to be executed as of this 12th day of December, 2003.

/s/ John W. Scullion Printed Name: John W. Scullion