

FORM 5 [] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). [] Form 3 Holdings Reported [X] Form 4 Transactions Reported	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940	OMB APPROVAL OMB Number: 3235-0362 Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response: 0.5
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Heffernan, Edward J. 17655 Waterview Parkway Dallas, TX 75252-012	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Alliance Data Systems Corporation ADS 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year December 31, 2002 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Officer/Other Description Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Filing <input type="checkbox"/> Joint/Group Filing
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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 (D) Of (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common				Amount A/D Price	38,000 (1)	D	

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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	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr.4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.4)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.00					Varies (2) 05/25/2008	Common - 16,666		16,666	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.90					Varies (3) 05/06/2009	Common - 2,777		2,777	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$15.00					Varies (4) 08/31/2010	Common - 40,000		40,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$15.00					Varies (5) 10/08/2010	Common - 40,557		40,557	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$12.00					Varies (6) 06/08/2011	Common - 38,313		38,313	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$14.63					varies (7) 09/26/2012	Common - 70,000		70,000	D	

Explanation of Responses :

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a). By: Attorney-In-Fact for _____ Date _____
** Signature of Reporting Person

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