### 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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1. 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) 09/22/2009										Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director				
(Street)  DALLAS TX 75252-802  (City) (State) (Zip)			12	-   4. I -	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Line	. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person					
		Tab	ole I - No	n-Deri	vativ	e Se	curi	ties Ac	quire	ed, D	isp	osed o	f, or	Bene	eficiall	y Owne	d			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D								2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)		(A) or 3, 4 and		ies cially Following	Form (D) o	n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Со	ode V		Amount		A) or D)	Price	Report Transa (Instr. :	ea ction(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 09/22/						9		N	M		13,334	4	A	\$15	\$15 213			D		
Common Stock 09/22/					2/200	/2009				S		13,334	4	1 D \$63.3		5 200,663(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,		Transaction Code (Instr.				te Exer ation D th/Day/	ate		of Se Unde Deriv	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		e s ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	cisable		xpiration ate	Title	1	Amount or Number of Shares					
Employee Stock Option (Right to	\$15	09/22/2009			М			13,334	(	(2)	08	8/31/2010	Comr		13,334	(2)	164,57	0 <sup>(3)</sup>	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 35,723 shares granted 6/24/03, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 34,735 shares granted 2/2/04, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 20,872 shares granted 2/3/05, which is fully vested; (e) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (e) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (e) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (e) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (e) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (e) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (e) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (e) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (e) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (f) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (e) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (f) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (f) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (f) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (f) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (f) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (f) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (f) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (f) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (g) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (g) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (g) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (g) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (g) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; (g) an option for 30,281 share vested; and (f) 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, 09/23/2009 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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