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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	ss of Reporting Persor)*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
<u>HEFFERNA</u>	<u>N EDWARD J</u>]		Director Officer (give title	10% Owner			
(Last) (First)		(Middle)		Х	below)	Other (specify below)			
	IEW PARKWAY	(middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2007		EVP, Chief Financial Officer				
, (Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	dual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable			
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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)	Transaction Code (Instr.					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)		(1130.4)
Common Stock	02/21/2007		A ⁽¹⁾		6,471	A	(1)	53,568	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2007		A ⁽²⁾		6,471	A	(2)	60,039	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2007		A ⁽³⁾		20,966	A	(3)	81,005	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 E		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$63.35	02/21/2007		A ⁽⁴⁾		15,223		(4)	02/21/2017	Common Stock	15,223	(4)	119,476 ⁽⁵⁾	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The new grant is for 6,471 shares of common stock represented by performance-based restricted stock units, which may be adjusted up or down at the time the restrictions lapse. The restrictions may lapse based on the Company's cash earnings per share growth for 2007.

2. The new grant is for 6,471 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 2,135 shares on each of 2/21/08 and 2/21/09, and on 2,201 shares on 2/21/10. 3. The new grant is for 20,966 shares of common stock represented by performance-based restricted stock units. The restrictions may lapse on 5,241 shares in February 2008, on 5,242 shares in February 2009,

and on 10,483 shares in February 2010 contingent on meeting a 5% cash earnings per share growth hurdle for 2007.

4. The new option is for 15,223 shares, of which 5,023 shares will vest on 2/21/08, 5,024 shares will vest on 2/21/09 and 5,176 shares will vest on 2/21/10.

5. The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 28,699 out of an original 34,022 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 19,337 shares granted 2/3/05 of which 12,762 shares are fully vested and 6,575 shares will vest on 2/3/08; (d) an option for 21,482 shares granted 2/13/06, of which 7,089 shares vested on 2/13/07, 7,089 shares will vest on 2/13/08 and 7,304 shares will vest on 2/13/09; and (e) the new option for 15,223 shares.

Remarks:

<u>Leigh Ann K. Epperson,</u> <u>Attorney in Fact</u>

02/23/2007

** 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).

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