Instruction 1(b)

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and A MINICU (Last) C/O WELS STOWE	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/05/2003											ationshi k all app Direc Offic belov	Oth	to Issuer O% Owner ther (specify elow)					
320 PARK AVENUE, SUITE 2500 (Street) NEW YORK NY 10022 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Ar	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (CLine) X Form filed by One Reporting Form filed by More than One Person											e Reporting P	erson	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date		2. Transac	Execution Date, ay/Year) if any		3. 4. Securit Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)			of, or Benefic ries Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a			5. Amount of		ount of ties cially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Indirect				
					(Month/Day/Year)		Code	v	Amount (A) or (D)		Pric	Re Tra		ed ction(s) 3 and 4)	(1) (111511.4)	(Instr. 4)			
Common St	ock			11/05/	2003				S		847,50	5	D	\$2	25.6	12,4	494,942	I	By Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VII, L.P.
Common Stock			11/05/	2003				S		282,501		D	\$2	25.6	3,853,049		I ₍₃₎	By Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VI, L.P. ⁽²⁾	
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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	rivative curity or Exercise Price of Derivative Security Date (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) 8)		Transacti Code (Ins	tion of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D	on Date	e Amor Secu Unde Deriv		Amount or Number of		_		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indirec (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)			

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The Reporting Person is one of several general partners of the sole general partner of Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VII, L.P. Pursuant to Instruction (4)(b)(iv) of Form 4, the Reporting Person has elected to report as indirectly beneficially owned the entire number of securities beneficially owned by such limited partnership. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities, and any proceeds thereof, that exceed his pecuniary interest therein, and/or that are not actually distributed to him.
- 2. The Reporting Person is one of several general partners of the sole general partner of Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VI, L.P. Pursuant to Instruction (4)(b)(iv) of Form 4, the Reporting Person has elected to report as indirectly beneficially owned the entire number of securities beneficially owned by such limited partnership. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities, and any proceeds thereof, that exceed his pecuniary interest therein, and/or that are not actually distributed to him.
- 3. The Reporting Person also directly beneficially owns 153,950 shares and indirectly beneficially owns (i) 17,790,349 shares held by Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VIII, L.P.; (ii) 655,555 shares held by WCAS Capital Partners III, L.P.; and (iii) 268,398 shares held by WCAS Capital Partners II, L.P. The Reporting Person is one of several managing members or general partners of the respective sole general partners of such limited partnerships. Pursuant to Instruction (4)(b)(iv) of Form 4, the Reporting Person has elected to report as indirectly beneficially owned the entire number of securities beneficially owned by each such limited partnership. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities, and any proceeds thereof, that exceed his pecuniary interest therein and/or that are not actually distributed to him

Remarks:

Jonathan M. Rather, Attorney-

11/05/2003

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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