

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>UTAY ALAN M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY</u> (Street) <u>DALLAS TX 75252-8012</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <u>Executive Vice President & CAO / General Counsel, Secretary</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/08/2004</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	11/08/2004		F		4,705 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$41.92	24,199	D	
Common Stock	11/08/2004		M		13,211 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$14.93	37,410 ⁽²⁾	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$14.93	11/08/2004		M			13,211 ⁽¹⁾	(3)	08/29/2011	Common Stock	13,211	(3)	118,291 ⁽⁴⁾	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 4,705 shares and \$6.63 have been delivered to the Company in payment of the exercise price of 13,211 employee stock options.
- The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 756 shares acquired through the Company employee stock purchase plan; (b) 16,800 out of an original 28,000 shares of restricted stock granted 8/31/01, of which 0 shares are vested; (c) 15,395 shares acquired by the exercising of vested employee stock options; and (d) 4,459 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/2/04, of which 0 shares are vested.
- This is an employee stock option grant that is fully vested.
- The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an employee stock option for 29,900 out of an original 50,000 shares granted 8/30/01, which is fully vested; (b) an employee stock option for 30,000 out of an original 50,000 shares granted 9/26/02, of which 16,500 shares vested on each of 9/25/03 and 9/25/04 and 17,000 shares will vest on 9/25/05; (c) an employee stock option for 28,919 shares granted 6/24/03, of which 9,543 shares vested on 6/23/04, 9,543 shares will vest on 6/23/05 and 9,833 shares will vest on 6/23/06; and (d) an employee stock option for 29,472 shares granted 2/2/04, of which 9,726 shares will vest on each of 2/2/05 and 2/2/06 and 10,020 shares will vest on 2/2/07.

Remarks:

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Attorney in Fact

11/09/2004

** 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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