FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BENVENISTE LAWRENCE M						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ ADS								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) Check all applicable) X Director 10			on(s) to Issu 10% Ov	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2004								Officer (give title below)			Other (specify below)	
Street) DALLAS TX 75252-8012  (City) (State) (Zip)			2	4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D						2A. Deemed Execution Date			3. Transac	tion	4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F	s ally ollowing	Form:	Direct Indirect Istr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 07/01/						/2004		A		621(1)	Α	(1)	621(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)				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)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisabl		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	on(s)		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$41.77	07/01/2004			A		3,724 <sup>(3)</sup>		07/01/200	5 0	07/01/2014	Common Stock	3,724	(3)	3,724 <sup>(-</sup>	4)	D	

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The new grant is for 621 shares of common stock, subject to a restriction on resale until one year after the director's service on the Company's board of directors terminates.
- 2. The total amount of securities beneficially owned includes the new grant for 621 shares.
- 3. The new option is for 3,724 shares, of which 1,228 shares will vest on 7/1/05, 1,229 shares will vest on 7/1/06, and 1,267 shares will vest in June 2007.
- 4. The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes the new option for 3,724 shares.

# Remarks:

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

07/02/2004

\*\* 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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