

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>FINKELMAN DANIEL P</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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <u>Executive Vice President / Corp. Planning & Development</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/14/2004</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	07/14/2004		A		7,500 ⁽¹⁾	A	(1)	11,712 ⁽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					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$39.01	07/14/2004		A		75,000 ⁽³⁾		07/14/2007	07/14/2014	Common Stock 75,000	(3)	126,932 ⁽⁴⁾	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The new grant is for 7,500 shares of restricted stock. The restrictions on 100% of the shares will lapse on 7/14/07.
- The total amount of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 2,500 shares purchased in 2001; (b) 1,091 shares of restricted stock granted 6/24/03; (c) 621 shares of restricted stock granted 7/1/04; and (d) the new grant for 7,500 shares.
- The new option is for 75,000 shares which will vest on 7/14/07.
- The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 42,000 shares granted 6/8/01, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 6,208 shares granted 6/24/03, of which 3,104 shares vested on 6/23/04 and 3,104 shares will vest in June 2005; (c) an option for 3,724 shares granted 7/1/04 which will vest in June 2005; and (d) the new option for 75,000 shares.

Remarks:

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07/16/2004

** 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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