FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Chesnut John Jeffrey						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ ADS ]								(Ched	ck all app Direc	,		rson(s) to Is 10% Ov Other (s	wner	
(Last) 7500 DA	Last) (First) (Middle) 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2021									X Officer (give title Other (specific below) below)  SVP and Treasurer				
(Street)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
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(City)	(St	ate) (2	Zip)												Perso	on		·		
		Table	I - No	n-Deriva	ative \$	Secui	rities	s Acc	quired	, Dis	posed of	, or E	Benefi	ciall	y Own	ed				
Date				2. Transac Date (Month/Da	Exec ay/Year) if an		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)						Form (D) o	n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) o (D)	Pric	e:e	Transac	action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 02/16/2					2021	)21			A <sup>(1)</sup>		9,110	A		(1)	20,0	39.678		D		
Common Stock 02/16/20					2021	)21			A <sup>(2)</sup>		5,466	A		(2) 2		5,505.678		D		
Common Stock 02/16/20				2021	021			F <sup>(3)</sup>		210	D \$86.31		6.31	20,513.678(4)(5)			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)	titive Conversion Date Execution Date, ity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Disp of (D	osed ) r. 3, 4	6. Date Expira (Month	tion D		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst 3 and 4)		De Se (Ir	Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ow For Dire or I (I) (	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Cod		v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares							

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The new grant is for 9,110 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 3,005 units on 2/16/22, on 3,007 units on 2/16/23 and on 3,098 units on 2/16/24, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates.
- 2. The new grant is for 5,466 shares of common stock represented by performance-based restricted stock units, which may be adjusted up or down at the time the performance restriction lapses. The restriction may lapse with respect to 100% of such shares on 2/16/24 contingent on meeting predetermined performance measures and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates
- 3. Shares withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.
- 4. The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 4,411.678 unrestricted shares; (b) 86 unvested units from an award of 251 time-based restricted stock units granted 12/17/18; (c) 244 unvested units from an award of 716 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/15/19; (d) 1,196 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 2/18/20; (e) the new grant for 9,110 time-based restricted stock units; and (f) the new grant for 5,466 performance-based restricted stock units.
- 5. The grant for 4,782 performance-based restricted stock units awarded on 2/18/20 was forfeited due to failure to meet the EBT performance metric for 2020.

Cynthia L. Hageman, 02/18/2021 **Attorney** in Fact

\*\* 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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