

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 UTAY ALAN M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/21/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, CAO, Gen. Counsel, Secy

DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/21/2008 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 456 A <u>(1)</u> | 38,835 <u>(2)</u> | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| UTAY ALAN M 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75252-8012 | | | EVP, CAO, Gen. Counsel, Secy | |

Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney
in Fact 02/25/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
 - (1) Based on the Company's cash EPS growth as compared to the GAAP EPS growth of the S&P 500, 111% of the performance-based restricted stock unit award granted on 2/21/07 vested, resulting in an additional 456 shares, for a total of 4,597 shares.
- The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 454 shares acquired through the Company employee stock purchase plan; (b) 1,818 shares acquired by the exercising of vested employee stock options; (c) 1,691 out of an original 4,972 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, which are fully vested; (d) 3,765 out of an original 17,778 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, which are fully vested; (e) 10,210 out of an original 13,882 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06, which are fully vested; (f) 6,335 out of an original 6,941 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06, of which 3,975 shares are vested; (g) 4,597 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07, which are fully vested; (h) 4,141 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07, of which 1,366 shares are vested; and (i) 5,824 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07, of which 1,456 shares are vested.

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