

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**FINKELMAN DANIEL P**

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)  
**02/13/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP, Corp Develop & Innovation**

**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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 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/13/2006		A <sup>(1)</sup>		5,482	A	(1) 25,497
Common Stock	02/13/2006		A <sup>(2)</sup>		5,482	A	(2) 30,979 (3)

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)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.01	02/13/2006		A <sup>(4)</sup>	13,083	<sup>(4)</sup>	02/13/2016	Common Stock	13,083

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FINKELMAN DANIEL P 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75252-8012			EVP, Corp Develop & Innovation	

## Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney  
in Fact

02/15/2006

\_\_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) The new grant is for 5,482 shares of common stock represented by performance-based restricted stock units, which may be adjusted up or down at the time the restrictions lapse. The restrictions may lapse based on the Company's relative cash earnings per share growth as compared to the S&P 500 GAAP EPS growth measured as of 12/31/06.
- (2) The new grant is for 5,482 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 1,809 shares on each of 2/13/07 and 2/13/08, and on 1,864 shares on 2/13/09.
- (3) 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, which is fully vested; (c) 621 shares of restricted stock granted 7/1/04, which is fully vested; (d) 7,500 shares of restricted stock granted 7/14/04, of which 0 shares are vested; (e) 4,420 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 0 shares are vested; (f) 3,883 out of an original 4,420 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 921 shares are vested; (g) the new grant for 5,482 performance-based restricted stock units; and (h) the new grant for 5,482 time-based restricted stock units.
- (4) The new option is for 13,083 shares, of which 4,317 shares will vest on each of 2/13/07 and 2/13/08 and 4,449 shares will vest on 2/13/09.

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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, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 3,724 shares granted 7/1/04 which is fully vested; (d) an option for 75,000 shares granted 7/14/04 which will vest on 7/14/07; (e) an option for 12,278 shares granted on 2/3/05, of which 4,051 shares are fully vested, 4,051 shares will vest on 2/3/07 and 4,176 shares will vest on 2/3/08; and (f) the new option for 13,083 shares.

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