

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP
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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 *
 HEFFERNAN EDWARD J

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)
 11/17/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Chief Financial Officer

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	11/17/2006		M		5,323	A	\$ 24.03 52,989
Common Stock	11/17/2006		S		5,323	D	\$ 64.4128 47,666
Common Stock	11/17/2006		M		17,967	A	\$ 15 65,633
Common Stock	11/17/2006		S		17,967	D	\$ 64.3058 47,666

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.03	11/17/2006		M	5,323	<u>(1)</u> 06/23/2013	Common Stock	5,323
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 15	11/17/2006		M	17,967	<u>(1)</u> 10/08/2010	Common Stock	17,967

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HEFFERNAN EDWARD J
17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY
DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

EVP, Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney
in Fact

11/21/2006

**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) This is an employee stock option grant that is fully vested.

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The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 28,699 out of an original 34,022 shares granted 6/24/03 which is fully vested; (b) an option for 34,735 shares granted 2/2/04 of which 22,926 shares are fully vested and 11,809 shares (2) will vest on 2/2/07; (c) an option for 19,337 shares granted 2/3/05 of which 6,381 shares vested on 2/3/06, 6,381 shares will vest on 2/3/07 and 6,575 shares will vest on 2/3/08; and (d) an option for 21,482 shares granted 2/13/06, of which 7,089 shares will vest on each of 2/13/07 and 2/13/08 and 7,304 shares will vest on 2/13/09.

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