

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 *
KUBIC MICHAEL D

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)
12/29/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Vice President, Controller / Chief Accounting 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2004 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 1,000 A \$ 15 | 15,500 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2004 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 1,000 D \$ 48.1 | 14,500 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2004 | | M | 4,500 A \$ 11.25 | 19,000 ⁽²⁾ | D | |

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

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ending on February 4, 2005, unless sooner terminated. The Reporting Person will have no control over the timing of any sales under the plan and there can be no assurance that the shares covered by the plan actually will be sold. The Reporting Person entered into the plan for personal tax and financial planning purposes and will continue to have a significant ownership interest in the Company.

- (2) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 12,000 shares of restricted stock granted 11/9/00, of which 7,200 shares are vested; (b) 2,500 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/2/04, of which 0 shares are vested; and (c) 4,500 shares acquired by the exercising of vested employee stock options.
- (3) This is an employee stock option grant that is fully vested.

- (4) The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an employee stock option for 6,611 out of an original 11,111 shares granted 10/29/1999, which is fully vested; (b) an employee stock option for 20,500 out of an original 26,500 shares granted 9/1/00, which is fully vested; (c) an employee stock option for 1 out of an original 12,603 shares granted 6/8/01, which is fully vested; (d) an employee stock option for 10,000 shares granted 6/24/03, of which 3,300 shares vested on 6/23/04, 3,300 shares will vest on 6/23/05 and 3,400 shares will vest on 6/23/06; and (e) an employee stock option for 11,000 shares granted 2/2/04, of which 3,630 shares will vest on each of 2/2/05 and 2/2/06 and 3,740 shares will vest on 2/2/07.

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