

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 *
 MCINERNEY THOMAS E

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/05/2004

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)

C/O WELSH, CARSON,
 ANDERSON AND STOWE, 320
 PARK AVENUE, SUITE 2500

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/05/2004		S		148,765	D	\$ 41.43	0	I (1) (3)	By WCAS Information Partners, L.P. (2)
Common Stock	11/05/2004		S		400,000	D	\$ 41.43	0	I (1) (3)	By Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VII, L.P. (2)

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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)

Table with columns: 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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4). Includes sub-columns for Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, and Title Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other)

MCINERNEY THOMAS E
C/O WELSH, CARSON, ANDERSON AND STOWE
320 PARK AVENUE, SUITE 2500
NEW YORK, NY 10022

X

Signatures

Jonathan M. Rather, Attorney-in-Fact 11/09/2004

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 Reporting Person also directly beneficially owns 205,669 shares and indirectly beneficially owns 16,160,349 shares held by Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VIII, L.P. and 104 shares held by WCAS Management Corporation. Pursuant to Instruction 4(b)(iv) of Form 4, the Reporting Person has elected to report as indirectly beneficially owned the entire number of securities beneficially owned by each such entity. The Reporting Person is a managing member of the sole general partner of Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VIII, L.P. and a controlling stockholder of WCAS Management Corporation. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities, and any proceeds thereof, that exceed his pecuniary interest therein and/or that are not actually distributed to him.
(2) Pursuant to Instruction (4)(b)(iv) of Form 4, the Reporting Person has elected to report as indirectly beneficially owned the entire number of securities beneficially owned by each such limited partnership. The Reporting Person is a general partner of the sole general partner of

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Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VII, L.P. and a general partner of WCAS Information Partners, L.P. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities, and any proceeds thereof, that exceed his pecuniary interest therein and/or that are not actually distributed to him.

- (3) The Reporting Person also indirectly beneficially owns 75,526 shares held by the McInerney/Gabrielle Family Limited Partnership. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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