

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 *
BALLOU ROGER H

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)
06/12/2006

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

DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 06/12/2006 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 458 A <u>1</u> | 4,286 ⁽²⁾ | 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 53.54 | 06/12/2006 | | A ⁽³⁾ | 2,512 | ⁽³⁾ 06/12/2016 | Common Stock | 2,512 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BALLOU ROGER H 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75252-8012 | X | | | |

Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney
in Fact

06/14/2006

**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 458 shares of common stock, subject to a restriction on resale until one year after the director's service on the Company's board of directors terminates.
The total amount of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 1,500 shares purchased in 2001; (b) 1,091 shares of restricted stock granted 6/24/03; (c) 621 shares of restricted stock granted 7/1/04; (d) 616 shares of restricted stock granted 6/10/05; and (e) the new grant for 458 shares.
- (3) The new option is for 2,512 shares, of which 1,256 shares will vest on 6/12/07 and 1,256 shares will vest in June 2008.
The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 6,208 shares granted 6/24/03, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 3,724 shares granted 7/1/04, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 3,547 shares granted 6/10/05, of which 1,170 shares vested on 6/10/06, 1,171 shares will vest on 6/10/07, and 1,206 shares will vest in June 2008; and (d) the new option for 2,512 shares.

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