

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 *
 PARKS J MICHAEL

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)
 04/24/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman, CEO & President

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 | 04/24/2006 | | M | | 30,300 | A | \$ 9 222,389 |
| Common Stock | 04/24/2006 | | S | | 12,000 | D | \$ 54.5486 210,389 |
| Common Stock | 04/24/2006 | | S | | 5,000 | D | \$ 54.797 205,389 |
| Common Stock | 04/24/2006 | | S | | 13,300 | D | \$ 55.5423 192,089 |
| Common Stock | 04/25/2006 | | M | | 30,000 | A | \$ 9 222,089 |

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|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|------------|------------------------|---|
| Common Stock | 04/25/2006 | S | 4,000 | D | \$ 54.5253 | 218,089 | D |
| Common Stock | 04/25/2006 | S | 26,000 | D | \$ 54.46 | 192,089 ⁽¹⁾ | 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)

| 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 | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 9 | 04/24/2006 | | M | 30,300 | ⁽²⁾ 03/09/2007 | Common Stock | 30,300 | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 9 | 04/25/2006 | | M | 30,000 | ⁽²⁾ 03/09/2007 | Common Stock | 30,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PARKS J MICHAEL 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75252-8012 | X | | Chairman, CEO & President | |

Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney
in Fact

04/26/2006

__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 total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 868 out of an original 120,000 shares of restricted stock granted 9/1/00 which are fully vested; (b) 1,860 shares purchased in the open market; (c) 18,661 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 6/24/03 which are fully vested; (d) 57,146 shares acquired by the exercising of vested employee stock options; (e) 5,740 out of an original 35,740 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/2/04 which are fully vested; (f) 15,156 out of an original 23,849 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, which are fully vested; (g) 19,263 out of an original 21,105 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 5,122 shares are vested; (h) 19,283 out of an original 22,222 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 8,172 shares are vested; (i) 27,056 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06, of which 0 shares are vested; (continued below)

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

The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 67,477 out of an original 177,777 shares granted 3/10/97, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 63,131 out of an original 83,333 shares granted 5/7/99, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 230,000 shares granted 9/1/00, which is fully vested; (d) an option for 109,388 shares granted 6/8/01, which is fully vested; (e) an option for 106,203 shares granted 6/24/03, of which 70,094 shares are fully vested and 36,109 shares will vest on 6/23/06; (f) an option for 129,291 shares granted 2/2/04, of which 85,332 shares are fully vested and 43,959 shares will vest on 2/2/07; (g) an option for 58,626 shares granted 2/3/05, of which 19,346 shares vested on 2/3/06, 19,346 shares will vest on 2/3/07 and 19,934 shares will vest on 2/3/08; (continued below)

Remarks:

(1) Continued from above: and (j) 27,056 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06, of which 0 shares are vested.

3) Continued from above: and (h) an option for 64,572 shares granted 2/13/06, of which 21,308 shares will vest on 2/13/07, 2

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