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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

#### ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP

Form 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(City)

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Pearson Bryan A Issuer Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS (Check all applicable) CORP [ADS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner \_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY 11/10/2008 EVP & President, Loyalty Svcs. (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DALLAS, TX 75252-8012 Person

(City)	(State)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or			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)
Common Stock	11/10/2008		M(1)	10,000	A	\$ 9.9	166,165	D	
Common Stock	11/10/2008		S <u>(1)</u>	10,000	D	\$ 51.65	156,165 <u>(2)</u>	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.9	11/10/2008		M <u>(1)</u>	1	10,000	(3)	11/30/2008	Common Stock	10,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pearson Bryan A 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

EVP & President, Loyalty Svcs.

## **Signatures**

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney in Fact 11/10/2008

\*\*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) Exercise of employee stock options due to expire on November 30, 2008, ten years after such options were granted, and the sale of the underlying shares in a cashless transaction.
- The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 13,630 unrestricted shares; (b) 1,100 unvested shares from an original award of 3,235 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06; (c) 1,318 unvested shares from an original award of 1,967 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07; (d) 77,064 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08; and (e) 63,053 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08.
- (3) This is an employee stock option grant that is fully vested.
  - The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 8,000 out of an original 18,500 shares granted 6/24/03, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 16,000 shares granted 2/2/04, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 20,000 shares
- (4) granted 2/3/05, which is fully vested; (d) an option for 12,346 shares granted 2/3/05, which is fully vested; (e) an option for 7,724 shares granted 2/13/06, of which 5,097 shares are fully vested and 2,627 shares will vest on 2/13/09; and (f) an option for 4,628 shares granted 2/21/07, of which 1,527 shares vested on 2/21/08, 1,527 shares will vest on 2/21/09 and 1,574 shares will vest on 2/21/10.

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