

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 UTAY ALAN M

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)  
 02/21/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, CAO, Gen. Counsel, Secy

DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/21/2008		A <sup>(1)</sup>	456 A <u>(1)</u>	38,835 <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)**

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following the Transaction (Instr. 6)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code			V (A) (D)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
UTAY ALAN M 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75252-8012			EVP, CAO, Gen. Counsel, Secy	

## Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney in Fact 02/25/2008

\_\_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) Based on the Company's cash EPS growth as compared to the GAAP EPS growth of the S&P 500, 111% of the performance-based restricted stock unit award granted on 2/21/07 vested, resulting in an additional 456 shares, for a total of 4,597 shares.
 

The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 454 shares acquired through the Company employee stock purchase plan; (b) 1,818 shares acquired by the exercising of vested employee stock options; (c) 1,691 out of an original 4,972 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, which are fully vested; (d) 3,765 out of an original 17,778 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, which are fully vested; (e) 10,210 out of an original 13,882 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06, which are fully vested; (f) 6,335 out of an original 6,941 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06, of which 3,975 shares are vested; (g) 4,597 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07, which are fully vested; (h) 4,141 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07, of which 1,366 shares are vested; and (i) 5,824 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07, of which 1,456 shares are vested.

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