

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/11/2005

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

(Street)
 NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

(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	01/11/2005		J ⁽¹⁾		4,000,000	D	Ⓛ	12,160,349	I ⁽²⁾	By Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VIII, L.P. ⁽²⁾
Common Stock	01/11/2005		J ⁽¹⁾		255	A	Ⓛ	359	I ⁽²⁾	By WCAS Managment Corporation ⁽²⁾
	01/11/2005		J ⁽¹⁾		6,520	A	Ⓛ	212,189	D ⁽³⁾	

Common
Stock

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

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

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Signatures

Jonathan M. Rather,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/11/2005

__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) Distribution of shares by Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VIII, L.P. to its partners.

(2) 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. 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 disclaims

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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 50,526 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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