ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP

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 Add TUCKER DV	dress of Reporting Person *\bigsep VAYNE 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) 17655 WATE	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/14/2005	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) Executive Vice President / President Transaction Services			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
DALLAS, TX	X 75252-8012	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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)	4. Securit n(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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	02/14/2005		M(1)	32,198	A	\$ 15	99,354	D	
Common Stock	02/14/2005		S <u>(1)</u>	32,198	D	\$ 41.07	67,156 <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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of inDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		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)	\$ 15	02/14/2005		M <u>(1)</u>		32,198	(3)	08/31/2010	Common Stock	32,198

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TUCKER DWAYNE H 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

Executive Vice President

President Transaction

Services

Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney in Fact

02/16/2005

**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).

The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on February 11, 2005. The trading plan was established to sell up to 69,491 shares of the Company's common stock. Portions of the shares may be sold on

specified dates or any time the stock achieves certain pre-arranged minimum prices and may take place beginning on February 14, 2005 and ending on April 14, 2005, unless sooner terminated. The Reporting Person will have no control over the timing of any sales under the plan and there can be no assurance that the shares covered by the plan actually will be sold. The Reporting Person entered into the plan for personal tax and financial planning purposes and will continue to have a significant ownership interest in the Company.

The total amount of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 1,266 shares acquired through the Company employee stock purchase program; (b) 31,230 shares acquired by the exercising of vested employee stock options; (c) 5,096 shares of performance-based restricted

- (2) stock granted 2/2/04, of which 0 shares are vested; (d) 5,893 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 0 shares are vested; (e) 5,893 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 0 shares are vested; and (f) 17,778 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 0 shares are vested.
- (3) This is an employee stock option grant that is fully vested.

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The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 76,554 out of an original 115,000 shares granted 9/1/00, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 1 out of an original 81,917 shares granted 6/8/01, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 33,171 shares granted 6/24/03, of which 10,946 shares vested on 6/23/04, 10,946 shares will vest on 6/23/05, and 11,279 shares will vest on 6/23/06; (d) an option for 33,682 shares granted 2/2/04, of which 11,115 shares vested on 2/2/05, 11,115 shares will vest on 2/2/06 and 11,452 shares will vest on 2/2/07; and (e) an option for 16,370 shares granted 2/3/05, of which 5,402 shares will vest on each of 2/3/06 and 2/3/07 and 5,566 shares will vest on 2/3/08.

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