

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 \*  
**BELTZ MICHAEL A**

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)  
**07/21/2005**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below) former officer

**DALLAS, TX 75252-8012**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 or Price		
Common Stock	07/21/2005		M		55,000 A \$ 15	99,783	D
Common Stock	07/21/2005		M		11,789 A \$ 24.03	111,572	D
Common Stock	07/21/2005		S		66,789 D \$ 44	44,783 <sup>(1)</sup>	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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15	07/21/2005		M	55,000	<sup>(2)</sup> 08/31/2010	Common Stock	55,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.03	07/21/2005		M	11,789	<sup>(3)</sup> 06/23/2013	Common Stock	11,789

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BELTZ MICHAEL A  
17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY  
DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

former officer

## Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney  
in Fact

07/22/2005

\*\*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 total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 2,500 shares acquired through the Company employee stock purchase program; (b) 11,442 shares acquired by the exercising of vested employee stock options; (c) 1,000 shares purchased on the open market;

- (1) (d) 277 out of an original 6,277 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 6/24/03, which is fully vested; (e) 5,893 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 0 shares are vested; (f) 5,893 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 0 shares are vested; and (g) 17,778 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 0 shares are vested.

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

(3) This is an employee stock option grant for 35,723 shares, of which 11,789 shares vested on each of 6/23/04 and 6/23/05 and 12,145 shares will vest on 6/23/06.

The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 12,145 out of an original 35,723 shares granted 6/24/03, of which 11,789 shares vested on each of 6/23/04 and 6/23/05 and 12,145 shares will vest on 6/23/06; (b) an option for 21,721

(4) out of an original 32,419 shares granted 2/2/04, of which 10,698 shares vested on 2/2/05, 10,698 shares will vest on 2/2/06 and 11,023 shares will vest on 2/2/07; and (c) 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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