

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP
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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 *
PARKS J MICHAEL

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)
05/03/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman of the Board / CEO and President

DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/03/2005		F ⁽¹⁾		1,501	D	\$ 39.5
Common Stock	05/03/2005		M ⁽¹⁾		6,588	A	\$ 9
Common Stock	05/03/2005		F ⁽²⁾		5,063	D	\$ 39.5
Common Stock	05/03/2005		M ⁽²⁾		20,202	A	\$ 9.9

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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- (2) 5,063 shares and \$11.30 have been delivered to the Company in payment of the exercise price of 20,202 employee stock options.

The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 868 out of an original 120,000 shares of restricted stock granted 9/1/00, which is fully vested; (b) 4,500 shares purchased in the open market; (c) 18,661 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 6/24/03, which is fully vested; (d) less 2,640 shares given as a gift; (e) 57,146 shares acquired by the exercising of vested employee stock options; (f) 5,740 out of an original 35,740 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/2/04, which is fully vested; (g) 21,105 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 0 shares are vested; (h) 21,105 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 0 shares are vested; and (i) 22,222 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 0 shares are vested.

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

The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 177,777 shares granted 3/10/97, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 111,111 shares granted 3/10/97, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 63,131 out of an original 83,333 shares granted 5/7/99, which is fully vested; (d) an option for 230,000 shares granted 9/1/00, which is fully vested; (e) an option for 109,388 shares granted 6/8/01, which is fully vested; (f) an option for 106,203 shares granted 6/24/03, of which 35,047 shares vested on 6/23/04, 35,047 shares will vest on 6/23/05 and 36,109 shares will vest on 6/23/06; (g) an option for 129,291 shares granted 2/2/04, of which 42,666 shares vested on 2/2/05, 42,666 shares will vest on 2/2/06 and 43,959 shares will vest on 2/2/07; and (h) an option for 58,626 shares granted 2/3/05, of which 19,346 shares will vest on each of 2/3/06 and 2/3/07 and 19,934 shares will vest on 2/3/08.

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