#### ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP

Form 4

February 20, 2007

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading FINKELMAN DANIEL P Issuer Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS (Check all applicable) CORP [ADS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner \_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY 02/16/2007 EVP, Corp Develop & Innovation (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

#### DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

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(City)	(State)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)				5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect		
(Instr. 3)	•	any	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)  Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/16/2007		A <u>(1)</u>	5,482	A	<u>(1)</u>	34,382	D		
Common Stock	02/16/2007		F(2)	3,450	D	\$ 62.87	30,932 (3)	D		

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

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
FINKELMAN DANIEL P			EVP, Corp				
17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY			Develop &				
DALLAS, TX 75252-8012			Innovation				

### **Signatures**

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney 02/20/2007 in Fact

> \*\*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).
- Based on the Company's cash EPS growth as compared to the GAAP EPS growth of the S&P 500, 200% of the performance-based **(1)** restricted stock unit award granted on 2/13/06 vested, resulting in an additional 5,482 shares, for a total of 10,964 shares
- 3,450 shares were withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted **(2)** stock units.

The total amount of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 2,500 shares purchased in 2001; (b) 1,091 shares of restricted stock granted 6/24/03, which are fully vested; (c) 621 shares of restricted stock granted 7/1/04, which are fully vested; (d) 7,500 shares of

restricted stock granted 7/14/04, of which 0 shares are vested; (e) 3,424 out of an original 4,995 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, which are fully vested; (f) 3,369 out of an original 4,420 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 1,866 shares are vested; (g) 7,514 out of an original 10,964 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06, which are fully vested; and (h) 4,913 out of an original 5,482 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06, of which 1,240 shares are vested.

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