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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Kennedy Bryan J			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/02/2009	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
17655 WAT	ERVIEW						`` ` `	
PARKWAY				(Check all applicable)				
^(Street) DALLAS, TX 75252			Director 10% Owner X_Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) EVP & President, Mktg. Svcs.		ow)	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owner (Instr.	•	
Common Sto	ock		77,662 (1)		D	Â		
Reminder: Repo owned directly	-	ate line for ea	ch class of securities benefic	^{ially} S	EC 1473 (7-02)		
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
		Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	11/17/2014	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 43.2	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	02/13/2016	Common Stock	7,724	\$ 43.01	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	02/21/2017	Common Stock	4,872	\$ 63.35	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Kennedy Bryan J 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75252	Â	Â	EVP & President, Mktg. Svcs.	Â		
Signatures						
Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney in Fact	02/09/	2009				

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 9,174 unrestricted shares; (b) 1,100 unvested shares from an original award of 3,235 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06; (c) 1,388 unvested shares from an original award of 2,071 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07; (d) 36,300 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08; and (e) 29,700 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08.

- (2) The option is for 15,000 shares granted 11/17/04, which is fully vested.
- (3) The option is for 7,724 shares granted 2/13/06, of which 5,097 shares are fully vested and 2,627 shares will vest on 2/13/09.
- (4) The option is for 4,872 shares granted 2/21/07, of which 1,607 shares are fully vested, 1,608 shares will vest on 2/21/09 and 1,657 shares will vest on 2/21/10.

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