

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 \*  
 SZEFTEL IVAN M

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY

02/13/2006

Executive Vice President / President Retail Credit Svcs.

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

(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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/13/2006		A <sup>(1)</sup>	12,511 A (1)	86,544	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2006		A <sup>(2)</sup>	12,511 A (2)	99,055 <sup>(3)</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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.01	02/13/2006		A <sup>(4)</sup>	29,859	<sup>(4)</sup>	02/13/2016	Common Stock	29,859

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

SZEFTEL IVAN M  
17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY  
DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

Executive Vice President    President Retail Credit Svcs.

## Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney  
in Fact

02/15/2006

\_\_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).

(1) The new grant is for 12,511 shares of common stock represented by performance-based restricted stock units, which may be adjusted up or down at the time the restrictions lapse. The restrictions may lapse based on the Company's relative cash earnings per share growth as compared to the S&P 500 GAAP EPS growth measured as of 12/31/06.

(2) The new grant is for 12,511 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 4,128 shares on 2/13/07, on 4,129 shares on 2/13/08 and on 4,254 shares on 2/13/09.

(3) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 1,000 shares purchased on the open market; (b) 472 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 6/24/03, which is fully vested; (c) 38,586 shares acquired by the exercising of vested employee stock options; (d) 9,761 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 0 shares are vested; (e) 8,762 out of an original 9,761 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 2,222 shares are vested; (f) 15,452 out of an original 17,778 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 3,600 shares are vested; (g) the new grant for 12,511 performance-based restricted stock units; and (h) the new grant for 12,511 time-based restricted stock units.

(4) The new option is for 29,859 shares, of which 9,853 shares will vest on each of 2/13/07 and 2/13/08 and 10,153 shares will vest on 2/13/09.

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The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 77,001 out of an original 80,000 shares granted 9/1/00, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 38,048 shares granted 6/8/01, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 42,528 shares granted (5) 6/24/03, of which 28,068 shares are fully vested and 14,460 shares will vest on 6/23/06; (d) an option for 42,103 shares granted 2/2/04, of which 27,788 shares are fully vested and 14,315 shares will vest on 2/2/07; (e) an option for 27,113 shares granted 2/3/05, of which 8,947 shares vested on 2/3/06, 8,947 shares will vest on 2/3/07 and 9,219 shares will vest on 2/3/08; and (f) the new option for 29,859 shares.

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