ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP
Form 4
February 23, 2007

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number:	3235-0287
Expires:	January 31, 2005
Estimated average burden hours per response...	0.5

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. *See* Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FINKELMAN DANIEL P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY

(Street)

DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Corp Develop & Innovation

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/21/2007		A(1)		3,494	A	(1)	34,426	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2007		A(2)		3,494	A	(2)	37,920	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2007		A(3)		4,659	A	(3)	42,579 (4)	D	

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

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control

SEC 1474 (9-02)

number.

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)		8 D S (I
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 63.35	02/21/2007		A(5)		8,221		(5)	02/21/2017	Common Stock	8,221	

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney in Fact	02/23/2007
**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 3,494 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 cash earnings per share growth for 2007.

(2) The new grant is for 3,494 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 1,153 shares on each of 2/21/08 and 2/21/09, and on 1,188 shares on 2/21/10.

(3) The new grant is for 4,659 shares of common stock represented by performance-based restricted stock units. The restrictions may lapse on 1,164 shares in February 2008, on 1,165 shares in February 2009, and on 2,330 shares in February 2010 contingent on meeting a 5% cash earnings per share growth hurdle for 2007.

(4) 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; (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; (i) the new grant for 3,494 performance-based restricted stock units; (j) the new grant for 3,494 time-based restricted stock units; (continued below)

(5) The new option is for 8,221 shares, of which 2,712 shares will vest on 2/21/08, 2,713 shares will vest on 2/21/09 and 2,796 shares will vest on 2/21/10.

(6) The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 6,208 shares granted 6/24/03, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 3,724 shares granted 7/1/04 which is fully vested; (c) an option for 75,000 shares granted 7/14/04 which will vest on 7/14/07; (d) an option for 12,278 shares granted on 2/3/05, of which 8,102 shares are fully vested and 4,176 shares will vest on 2/3/08; (e) an option for 13,083 shares granted 2/13/06, of which 4,317 shares vested on 2/13/07, 4,317 shares will vest on 2/13/08 and 4,449 shares will vest on 2/13/09; and (f) the new option for 8,221 shares.

Remarks:

(4) continued from above: and (k) the new grant for 4,659 performance-based restricted stock units.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.
Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.