ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **SCULLION JOHN W**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

CORP [ADS]

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title __X__ Other (specify

17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY 02/13/2006 below) below)

Executive Vice President / President, Loyalty

& Mktg Svcs

(Street)

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

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

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Person

DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	omr Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of 4 and 3 (A) or	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)
Common Stock	02/13/2006		Code V $A_{\underline{(1)}}$	Amount 12,688	(D)	Price (1)	36,605	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2006		A(2)	12,688	A	(2)	49,293	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2006		M	17,929	A	\$ 9.9	67,222	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2006		S	17,929	D	\$ 42.8889	49,293 (3)	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 43.01	02/13/2006		A <u>(4)</u>	30,281		<u>(4)</u>	02/13/2016	Common Stock	30,2
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.9	02/13/2006		M		17,929	<u>(5)</u>	12/01/2008	Common Stock	17,9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SCULLION JOHN W							
17655 WATERVIEW			Executive Vice	President, Loyalty & Mktg			
PARKWAY			President	Svcs			
DALLAS TX 75252-8012							

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).
- The new grant is for 12,688 shares of common stock represented by performance-based restricted stock units, which may be adjusted up (1) 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.

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- The new grant is for 12,688 shares of common stock represented by time-based restricted stock units. The restrictions will lapse on 4,187 shares on each of 2/13/07 and 2/13/08, and on 4,314 shares on 2/13/09.
- The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 7,514 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 0 shares are vested; (b) 7,514 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 2,479 shares are vested; (c) 8,889 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 2,963 shares are vested; (d) the new grant for 12,688 performance-based restricted stock units; and (e) the new grant for 12,688 time-based restricted stock units.
- (4) The new option is for 30,281 shares, of which 9,992 shares will vest on 2/13/07, 9,993 shares will vest on 2/13/08 and 10,296 shares will vest on 2/13/09.
- (5) This is an employee stock option grant that is fully vested.
 - The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 80,000 shares granted on 9/1/00, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 74,715 shares granted on 6/8/01, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 35,723 shares granted on 6/24/03, of which 23,578 shares are fully vested and 12,145 shares will vest on 6/23/06; (d) an option for 34,735 shares granted on 2/2/04, of which
- (6) 22,926 shares are fully vested and 11,809 shares will vest on 2/2/07; (e) an option for 20,872 shares granted 2/3/05, of which 6,887 shares vested on 2/3/06, 6,887 shares will vest on 2/3/07 and 7,098 shares will vest on 2/3/08; (f) an option for 24,691 shares granted on 2/3/05, of which 8,230 shares vested on 12/9/05, 8,230 shares will vest on 12/9/06 and 8,231 shares will vest on 12/9/07; and (g) the new option for 30,281 shares.

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