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

OMB APPROVAL

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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 Name and Address of Reporting Person* Heffernan, Edward, J. 	2. Issuer Name and Ti or Trading Symbol Alliance Data Syst Corporation ADS	(Month/Year)	I	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner _X Officer Other				
(Last) (First) (Middle)				her Description , Chief Financia		ecutive Vice cer		
17655 Waterview Parkway	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reportir Person, if an entity (voluntary)	* *	Filing (Ch <u>X</u> Form fi	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(Street) Dallas, TX 75252-8012	_							
1. Title of 2. Transaction 3. T	ransaction 4. Securi	1	nount of 6.	Ownership	7.	Nature of Indirect		
(Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)		3, 4 and 5) Ber Ow of I	curities neficially rned at End Month str. 3 and 4)	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
	Code V Amou	ant A/D Price						

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

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Conversion 3. Transaction 4. Transaction 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Instr. 3) or Date Code Derivative (Month/Day/ (Month/Day/Year) Exercise and Voluntary Securities Price Acquired (A) Year) Code (Instr. 8) of Derivative isposed (D) Of Security (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Code | V Date Expiration Exercisable Date **Employee Stock Option**

(right to buy)

\$9.00

^{*} If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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											Varies (3) 05/25/2008
	Employee Sto (right to buy)	ck Option		\$9.90							Varies (4) 05/06/2009
	Employee Sto (right to buy)	ck Option		\$15.00							Varies (5) 08/31/2010
	Employee Sto (right to buy)	ck Option		\$15.00							Varies (6) 10/08/2010
	Employee Sto (right to buy)	ck Option		\$12.00							Varies (7) 06/08/2011
7.	Title and Amc Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4	curities		Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9.	Number of De Securities Beneficially Owned at End Month (Instr.	of	10.	Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11.	Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
	Common	16,666					16,666		D		
	Common	2,777					2,777		D		
	Common	40,000					40,000		D		
	Common	40,557					40,557		D		
	Common lanation of Resp attached statem						38,313		D		
				ts constitute Federal	Crim	inal Violations.	/s/ Kellie	J. Wa	atts		
See 13	8 U.S.C. 1001 a	na 15 U.S.C.	/ o11(a).				** Signature of Reporting Person				9/26/2001 Date
							Attorney-in-Fact for				·

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Alliance Data Systems Corporation ADS

Edward J. Heffernan

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Heffernan, Edward J. 17655 Waterview Parkway Dallas, TX 75252-8012

(1) Purchase pursuant to SEC Release No. 44791 dated September 14, 2001, and extended with Release No. 44827 dated September 21, 2001.

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- (2) Total beneficial ownership includes 28,000 unvested shares of common stock pursuant to a restricted stock grant.
- (3) The option became exercisable for 4,167 shares on 1/31/99, 4,166 shares on 1/31/00, and 4,167 shares on 1/31/01; and becomes exercisable for 4,166 shares on 1/31/02.
- (4) The option became exercisable for 694 shares on each of 1/31/00 and 1/31/01; and becomes exercisable for 694 shares on 1/31/02 and 695 shares on 1/31/03.
- (5) The option became exercisable for 13,200 shares on 8/31/01; and becomes exercisable for 13,200 shares on 8/31/02 and for 13,600 shares on 8/31/03.
- (6) The option becomes exercisable for 13,384 shares on each of 10/8/01 and 10/8/02, and for 13,789 shares on 10/8/02.
- (7) The option is exercisable for 33% of the underlying shares on each of 8/31/01 and 8/31/02, and for 34% on 8/31/03.

Varies (5) | 08/31/2010