

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/22/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & Pres, Retail Credit Svcs

PLANO, TX 75024

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	04/26/2010		G	2,000	D	\$ 0	147,706 D
Common Stock	02/22/2011		A <sup>(1)</sup>	2,091	A	Ⓛ	149,797 D
Common Stock	02/22/2011		F <sup>(2)</sup>	15,188	D	\$ 77.2	134,609 D
Common Stock	02/23/2011		F <sup>(2)</sup>	5,165	D	\$ 76.05	129,444 <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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SZEFTEL IVAN M 7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700 PLANO, TX 75024			EVP & Pres, Retail Credit Svcs	

## Signatures

Cynthia L. Hageman, Attorney  
in Fact 02/24/2011

\*\*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) Based on the Company's cash EPS growth in 2010, 107% of the original award of 29,880 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/22/10 were earned, resulting in an additional 2,091 units, for a total of 31,971 units. The restrictions will lapse with respect to 10,657 units on each of 2/22/12 and 2/22/13, subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the remaining vesting dates.
- (2) Shares withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock units.
- (3) The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 89,661 unrestricted shares; (b) 13,464 unvested units from an award of 39,600 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/23/09; (c) 5,005 unvested units from an award of 7,470 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/22/10; and (d) 21,314 unvested units from an award of 31,971 performance-based

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restricted stock units granted 2/22/10.

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