

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP
 Form 4
 January 23, 2003
 SEC Form 4

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| <p>FORM 4</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).</p> <p>(Print or Type Responses)</p> | <p>UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549</p> <p>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP</p> <p>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</p> | <p>OMB APPROVAL</p> <hr/> <p>OMB Number: 3235-0287 Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response: 0.5</p> |
| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</p> <p>Beltz, Michael A.</p> <hr/> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle) 17655 Waterview Parkway</p> <hr/> <p>(Street) Dallas, TX 75252-012</p> <hr/> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Alliance Data Systems Corporation ADS</p> | <p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</p> <p>_____ Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer _____ Other Executive Vice President and President, Transaction Services Group</p> <hr/> <p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
| <p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)</p> | <p>4. Statement for Month/Day/Year</p> <p>January 23, 2003</p> <hr/> <p>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</p> | |

| 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 and Voluntary Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (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) |
| Common | 01/22/2003 | | X I | 11,111 A \$9.00 | 77,457 (1) | D | |
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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 number.

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

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| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | |
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| 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 and Voluntary Code (Instr.8) <hr/> Code I V | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) Of (Instr. 3,4 and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable(DE) and Expiration Date(ED) (Month/Day/Year) <hr/> (DE) (ED) | 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 Following Reported Transactions (Instr.4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.4) |
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| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$9.00 | 01/15/2003 | | X I | (D) 11,111 | Varies (2) 05/05/2007 | Common - 11,111 | \$9.00 | 6,111 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$9.00 | | | | | Varies (3) 07/23/2008 | Common - 38,888 | | 38,888 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$9.90 | | | | | Varies (4) 11/30/2008 | Common - 27,777 | | 27,777 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$9.90 | | | | | Varies (5) 05/06/2009 | Common - 22,222 | | 22,222 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$15.00 | | | | | Varies (6) 08/31/2010 | Common - 80,000 | | 80,000 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$12.00 | | | | | Varies (7) 06/08/2011 | Common - 38,048 | | 38,048 | D | |
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Explanation of Responses :

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

By: Attorney-in-Fact for _____

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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Power of Attorney

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FOOTNOTE Descriptions for Alliance Data Systems Corporation ADS

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Explanation of responses:

- (1) Total beneficial ownership includes 21,000 unvested shares of common stock pursuant to a restricted stock grant.**
- (2) This option is fully vested.**
- (3) This option is fully vested.**
- (4) This option is fully vested.**
- (5) The option is exercisable for 5,556 shares on each of 1/31/00, 1/31/01, and 1/31/02 and for 5,554 shares on 1/31/03, subject to performance targets.**
- (6) The option is exercisable for 26,400 shares on each of 8/31/01 and 8/31/02 and for 27,200 shares on 8/31/03.**
- (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.**