ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **SCULLION JOHN W** Issuer Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS (Check all applicable) CORP [ADS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Officer (give title __X_ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY 05/12/2009 former officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securit	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				Securities For Beneficially (Downed In	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	05/12/2009		M	10,000	A	\$ 15	210,663	D		
Common Stock	05/12/2009		S	10,000	D	\$ 42.8	200,663 (1)	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15	05/12/2009		M	10,000	<u>(2)</u>	08/31/2010	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SCULLION JOHN W 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75252-8012

former officer

Signatures

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney in Fact

05/14/2009

**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 total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 66,153 unrestricted shares; (b) 2,641 unvested shares from an original award of 7,765 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07; (c) 6,698 unvested shares from an original award of 13,395

- (1) performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/21/07; (d) 68,844 unvested shares from an original award of 102,752 performance-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08; and (e) 56,327 unvested shares from an original award of 84,070 time-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08.
- (2) This is an employee stock option grant that is fully vested.

The total number of derivative securities beneficially owned includes: (a) an option for 43,334 out of an original 80,000 shares granted 9/1/00, which is fully vested; (b) an option for 35,723 shares granted 6/24/03, which is fully vested; (c) an option for 34,735 shares

(3) granted 2/2/04, which is fully vested; (d) an option for 20,872 shares granted 2/3/05, which is fully vested; (e) an option for 24,691 shares granted 2/3/05, which is fully vested; (f) an option for 30,281 shares granted 2/13/06, which is fully vested; and (g) an option for 18,268 shares granted 2/21/07, of which 12,056 shares are fully vested and 6,212 shares will vest on 2/21/10.

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