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 PARKS J MICHAEL Issuer Symbol

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS

(Check all applicable) CORP [ADS]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below)

17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY 03/31/2006 Chairman, CEO & President

> (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 | Secur | rities Acq | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-------|--|--|---|----------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | | A(1) | 2,744 | A | <u>(1)</u> | 200,782 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | | F(2) | 8,693 | D | \$ 46.43 | 192,089 (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)

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| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | le and | 8. Price of | 9 |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transact | ionNumber | Expiration Da | ate | Amou | int of | Derivative | J |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | , |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Secur | ities | (Instr. 5) |] |
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| | | | | C-1- 1 | 7 (A) (D) | | | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| PARKS J MICHAEL | | | Chairman, | | | | |
| 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY | X | | CEO & | | | | |
| DALLAS, TX 75252-8012 | | | President | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |

Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney 04/04/2006 in Fact

> **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).
- Based on the Company's cash EPS growth as compared to the GAAP EPS growth of the S&P 500, 113% of the performance-based **(1)** restricted stock award granted on 2/3/05 vested, resulting in an additional 2,744 shares, for a total of 23,849 shares.
- 8,693 shares were withheld by the Company to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted **(2)**

The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 868 out of an original 120,000 shares of restricted stock granted 9/1/00 which are fully vested; (b) 1,860 shares purchased in the open market; (c) 18,661 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 6/24/03 which are fully vested; (d) 57,146 shares acquired by the exercising of vested employee stock options; (e) 5,740 out of an original 35,740 shares of performance-based restricted stock granted 2/2/04 which are fully vested; (f) 15,156 out of an original 23,849 shares of

performance-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, which are fully vested; (g) 19,263 out of an original 21,105 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 5,122 shares are vested; (h) 19,283 out of an original 22,222 shares of time-based restricted stock granted 2/3/05, of which 8,172 shares are vested; (i) 27,056 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06, of which 0 shares are vested; (continued below)

Remarks:

(3) Continued from above: and (j) 27,056 time-based restricted stock units granted 2/13/06, of which 0 shares are vested.

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