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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Santillan Laura			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP [ADS]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/25/2010	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
17655 WAT	ERVIEW						· · · ·	
PARKWAY				(Check	all applicable)			
(Street) DALLAS, TX 75252				Director 10% Owner X_Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) SVP, Chief Acctg. Officer		ow)	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Be	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	*	
Common Sto	ock		15,848 <u>(1)</u>		D	Â		
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
		Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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Date	Expiration	Amount or	or Indirect
Exercisa	ble Date	Number of	(I)
		Shares	(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	ctor 10% Owner Officer		Other		
Santillan Laura 17655 WATERVIEW PARKWAY DALLAS, TX 75252	Â	Â	SVP, Chief Acctg. Officer	Â		
Signatures						
Leigh Ann K. Epperson, Attorney in Fact		03/08/2010)			

Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Date

The total number of securities beneficially owned includes: (a) 5,430 unrestricted shares; (b) 400 shares held in an IRA account; (c) 1,530 unvested shares from an original award of 4,500 time-based restricted stock units granted 4/28/08 which are scheduled to vest on 2/21/11; (d) 2,948 unvested shares from an award of 4,400 performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/23/09, of which 1,452 units will vest on 2/23/11 and 1,496 units will vest on 2/23/12; (e) 4,432 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted

(1) units will vest on 2/25/11 and 1,450 units will vest on 2/25/12, (e) 4,452 unvested performance-based restricted stock units granted 2/22/10, which may be adjusted up or down at the time the performance restriction lapses. The restriction may lapse with respect to 33% of such shares on each of 2/22/11 and 2/22/12 and with respect to 34% of such shares on 2/22/13 contingent on meeting a cash earnings per share growth hurdle for 2010 and subject to continued employment by the Reporting Person on the vesting dates; (continued below)

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Remarks:

(1) continued from above: and (f) 1,108 unvested time-based restricted stock units granted 2/22/10,Â

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