ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(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 MINICUCCI ROBERT A Issuer Symbol ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS (Check all applicable) CORP [ADS] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director _X__ 10% Owner Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) C/O WELSH, CARSON, 04/27/2006 ANDERSON AND STOWE, 320 PARK AVENUE, SUITE 2500

> (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

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City)	(State)	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	, , ,		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 Stock	04/27/2006		Code V <u>J(1)</u>	Amount 5,000,000	(D)	Price	7,160,349	I (2)	By Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VIII, L.P. (2)	
Common Stock	04/27/2006		<u>J(1)</u>	319	A	(1)	678	I (2)	By WCAS Management Corporation	
	04/27/2006		J(1)	1,928	A	<u>(1)</u>	133,303	D		

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Common Stock

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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exer Expiration D		7. Titl		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other MINICUCCI ROBERT A

C/O WELSH, CARSON, ANDERSON AND STOWE 320 PARK AVENUE, SUITE 2500 NEW YORK, NY 10022

Signatures

Jonathan M. Rather, 04/27/2006 Attorney-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).
- Distribution of shares by Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VIII, L.P. to its partners.
- (2) The Reporting Person is a managing member of the sole general partner of Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe VIII, L.P. and a controlling stockholder of WCAS Management Corporation. Pursuant to Instruction (4)(b)(iv) of Form 4, the Reporting Person has elected to report as indirectly beneficially owned the entire number of securities beneficially owned by each such entity. The Reporting Person disclaims

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beneficial ownership of any securities, and any proceeds thereof, that exceed his pecuniary interest therein and/or that are not actually distributed to him.

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