

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP
Form 8-K
January 17, 2008

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

January 17, 2008

Alliance Data Systems Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-15749

31-1429215

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

17655 Waterview Parkway, Dallas, Texas

75252

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(972) 348-5100

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 17, 2007, Alliance Data Systems Corporation (the "Company" or "Alliance Data") entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with Aladdin Holdco, Inc. and Aladdin Merger Sub, Inc. (the "Merger Agreement"). Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, the Company will be acquired by Blackstone Capital Partners V L.P., an affiliate of The Blackstone Group.

On January 17, 2008, Alliance Data issued a press release confirming that the special committee of Alliance Data's board of directors has not been in discussion with Blackstone or its affiliates regarding any renegotiation of the terms of the Merger Agreement. The parties continue to work together to consummate the transaction. Alliance Data also reiterated the guidance provided on December 17, 2007.

A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated January 17, 2008.

Note: The information contained in this report (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Alliance Data Systems Corporation

January 17, 2008

By: Edward J. Heffernan

Name: Edward J. Heffernan

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press release dated January 17, 2008. |