

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PRINGLE C STEVEN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/  
[AZPN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/29/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, Global Consult Services

C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY,  
INC., 10 CANAL PARK

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount  | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---|--|
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| Security (Instr. 3)                | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8)  | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |          |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------------|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|--------------|----------|
|                                    |  |                      | Code V           | (A) (D)  | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date  | Title        | An Nu Sh |
| Common Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.75                                  | 12/29/2006           | D <sup>(1)</sup> | 107,191  | <u>(1)</u>       | 08/18/2013       | Common Stock | 10       |
| Common Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.85                                  | 12/29/2006           | A <sup>(1)</sup> | 107,191  | <u>(1)</u>       | 08/18/2013       | Common Stock | 10       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| PRINGLE C STEVEN<br>C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.<br>10 CANAL PARK<br>CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141 |               |           | SVP, Global Consult Services |       |

## Signatures

/s/ C. Steven Pringle  
01/04/2006  
 \*\*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).
- (1) The two reported transactions involved amendments of outstanding options that are deemed to result in the cancellation of previously reported options and the grant of replacement options. Options were originally granted on August 18, 2003 to acquire an aggregate of 245,008 shares of common stock and provided for vesting in 16 equal quarterly installments commencing on September 30, 2003. The amendments relate only to those options vesting on or after January 1, 2005.

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