ASTA FUNDING INC

Form 4

February 26, 2016

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Ad Mangrove Pa | • | orting Person <u>*</u> ter Fund, Ltd. | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) t Issuer | | |
|--|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | ASTA FUNDING INC [ASFI] | (Check all applicable) | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | ** | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | |
| PO BOX 309, UGLAND HOUSE, S. CHURCH ST., | | | 02/25/2016 | Officer (give title below) Other (specification) | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| GEORGE TO | OWN, E9 K | Y1-1104 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ad | rauired. Disposed of, or Beneficially Own | | |

| ` • | | Tabi | e I - Non-D | erivative se | curiu | es Acq | uirea, Disposea o | i, or beneficial | ly Owned |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-----------|--------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 3. Transactio | 4. Securitie on(A) or Disp | | | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | , | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, 4 a | | ` ′ | Beneficially Owned | (D) or Indirect (I) | Beneficial Ownership |
| | | , , | , | | (A) or | | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (msu. 5 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2016 | | P | 324,600 | A | \$ 7 | 2,100,627 | D (1) (2) | |

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. Nu |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction | | Expiration D | | Amou | | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative | • | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative Securities | (Month/Day/ | | Under Secur (Instr. | , , | Security (Instr. 5) | Secur Bene Own |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | • | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
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| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | • |
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| | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | or Number of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mangrove Partners Master Fund, Ltd. PO BOX 309, UGLAND HOUSE, S. CHURCH ST. GEORGE TOWN, E9 KY1-1104

Mangrove Partners Fund (Cayman), Ltd. MAPLES CORP. SVCS, PO BOX 309 UGLAND HOUSE, S. CHURCH STREET GEORGE TOWN, E9 KY1-1104

Mangrove Partners Fund, L.P. 645 MADISON AVENUE, 14TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022

MANGROVE CAPITAL 645 MADISON AVENUE, 14TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022

AUGUST NATHANIEL H. 645 MADISON AVENUE, 14TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022

MANGROVE PARTNERS 645 MADISON AVENUE, 14TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022

Signatures

| /s/ Nathaniel H. August, as Director of The Mangrove Partners Master Fund, Ltd. | 02/26/2016 |
|---|------------|
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| /s/ Nathaniel H. August, as Director of Mangrove Partners, the Investment Manager of the Reporting Person | 02/26/2016 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

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| /s/ Nathaniel H. August, as Director of Mangrove Capital, the General Partner of the Reporting Person | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|------------|--|--|
| ** | Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | |
| /s/ Nathaniel H. August as director of Mangrove Capital | | | | |
| ** | Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | |
| /s/ Nathaniel H. August | | 02/26/2016 | | |
| ** | Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | |
| /s/ Nathaniel H. August as director of Mangrove Partners | | | | |
| **• | 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).
- This Form is being jointly filed by (1) The Mangrove Partners Master Fund, Ltd. (the "Master Fund"), (2) The Mangrove Partners Fund, L.P. (the "US Feeder"), (3) The Mangrove Partners Fund (Cayman), Ltd. (the "Cayman Feeder"), (4) Mangrove Partners, (5) Mangrove Capital and (6) Nathaniel August. Each of the foregoing is referred to as a "Reporting Person" and collectively as the "Reporting Persons."
 - The shares which are the subject of this Form are held by the Master Fund. Beneficial ownership of the shares which is the subject of this Form is also claimed indirectly by (i) the US Feeder and the Cayman Feeder, which are the two controlling shareholders of the Master
- (2) Fund, (ii) Mangrove Partners which serves as the investment manager of each of the Master Fund, the US Feeder and the Cayman Feeder, (iii) Mangrove Capital which serves as the general partner of the US Feeder, and (iv) Nathaniel August who is the principal of Mangrove Partners and Mangrove Capital.

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