



## Aspen Technology Names Wayne Sim Senior Vice President, Worldwide Sales

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### ***Experienced process industry leader to direct AspenTech's global sales operations***

Aspen Technology, Inc. (Nasdaq: AZPN), today announced it is reinforcing its leadership position in the process industries with the appointment of Wayne Sim as Senior Vice President of Worldwide Sales. Prior to this appointment, Sim served as co-founder and CEO of Hyprotech Ltd., which was acquired by AspenTech earlier this year. In his new position at AspenTech, Sim will assume direct responsibility for worldwide sales, reporting to David McQuillin, Executive Vice President and CEO-elect of AspenTech. Sim replaces Diane Albano, who is leaving AspenTech to pursue other interests.

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"Wayne Sim brings tremendous experience of driving software sales performance with process manufacturing customers, and we are excited about being able to draw upon his management skills and industry knowledge," said David McQuillin. "Wayne has a proven track record in acquiring and growing multi-national accounts of the highest caliber, and he is extremely well respected, with strong relationships among the most senior executives in the process industries. He brings a demonstrated ability to sell value-based, large-scale solutions, and a keen understanding of the breadth and opportunity of our products. In addition, the strong managerial skills he honed in his last position, with responsibility for the entire software division of AEA Technology which totaled more than 700, will be a tremendous asset. We are confident that he has the experience, leadership and customer-focused skills to lead our sales organization to greater success."

As CEO of Calgary-based Hyprotech, Sim was instrumental in establishing that company as a leading provider of process simulation and engineering software, with over 600 major process industry customers worldwide. Under his leadership, the company achieved sales growth of 25% during each of the last five years.

Along with this impressive sales record, Sim has more than 20 years of senior level experience in the process industry software market. He has also provided the strategic market direction for Hyprotech's products. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Calgary.

#### About AspenTech

Aspen Technology, Inc. is a leading supplier of enterprise software to the process industries. AspenTech's industry solutions enable companies to maximize their profitability by running their manufacturing and supply chain operations more efficiently, and by increasing the returns from their plant assets. Over 1,200 leading companies already rely on AspenTech's 21 years of process industry experience to increase revenues, reduce costs and improve capital efficiency. AspenTech's customers include: Air Liquide, AstraZeneca, Bayer, BASF, BP, ChevronTexaco, Dow Chemical, DuPont, ExxonMobil, GlaxoSmithKline, Lyondell Equistar, Merck, Mitsubishi Chemical, Shell and Unilever. For more information, visit [www.aspentech.com](http://www.aspentech.com).

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