

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Pietri Antonio J</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.</u> <u>20 CROSBY DRIVE</u>  (Street) <u>BEDFORD MA 01730</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ [ AZPN ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President &amp; CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/27/2017</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/27/2017		M		6,776	A	\$15.5	212,483	D	
Common Stock	02/27/2017		M		5,179	A	\$23.38	217,662	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$15.5	02/27/2017		M				6,776	(1)	07/31/2021	Common Stock	6,776	\$0	0	D
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$23.38	02/27/2017		M				5,179	(2)	07/31/2022	Common Stock	5,179	\$0	26,900	D

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. The option granted at the exercise price of \$15.50 per share, representing a right to purchase a total of 37,500 shares, became exercisable in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of each quarter, beginning September 30, 2011.
2. The option granted at the exercise price of \$23.38 per share, representing a right to purchase a total of 32,079 shares, became exercisable in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of each quarter, beginning September 28, 2012.

/s/ F.G. Hammond, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Pietri 03/01/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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