

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>DIGITAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS III LTD PARTNERSHIP</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ADVENT INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION</u> <u>75 STATE STREET, 29TH FLOOR</u> (Street) <u>BOSTON MA 02109</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/14/2003</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ [AZPN]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <u>Member of group that >10% owner</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Series D-1 Convertible Preferred Stock⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>08/14/2003</u>	<u>08/08/1988⁽³⁾</u>	<u>common stock</u>	<u>1,941,000</u>	<u>0⁽²⁾</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Warrants to purchase common stock</u>	<u>08/14/2003</u>	<u>08/14/2010</u>	<u>common stock</u>	<u>388,220</u>	<u>3.33</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

- Each of the series D-1 shares is convertible into a number of shares of common stock equal to its stated value of \$333.00 per share (subject to adjustment) divided by the conversion price of \$3.33 per share (subject to adjustment).
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- Shares may be converted into common stock on a perpetual basis.

/s/ Janet L. Hennessy, Vice President08/14/2003

** 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 5 (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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