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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Sullivan Mark P. (Last) (First) (Middle) ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. 200 WHEELER ROAD (Street) BURLINGTON MA 01803 | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ [AZPN] | | ationship of Re all applicable Director Officer (given below) | 10% Owner | | , |
| | | , | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/23/2014 | EVP & CFO | | | | |
| | | 01803 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) | lividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | ; |
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| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transa Code (8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (111511.4) | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2014 | | M | | 3,094 | A | \$10.93 | 94,576 | D | | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2014 | | M | | 2,344 | A | \$15.5 | 96,920 | D | | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2014 | | M | | 1,712 | A | \$23.38 | 98,632 | D | | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2014 | | M | | 1,596 | A | \$32.54 | 100,228 | D | | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2014 | | S | | 8,746 | D | \$44 | 91,482 | D | | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/27/2014 | | S | | 3,800 | D | \$45.01 | 87,682 | 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. Transa Code (8) | | of | | 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 | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$10.93 | 05/23/2014 | | M | | | 3,094 | (1) | 08/01/2017 | Common Stock | 3,094 | \$0 | 3,094 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$15.5 | 05/23/2014 | | М | | | 2,344 | (2) | 07/31/2021 | Common Stock | 2,344 | \$0 | 11,719 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$23.38 | 05/23/2014 | | М | | | 1,712 | (3) | 07/31/2022 | Common Stock | 1,712 | \$0 | 15,414 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$32.54 | 05/23/2014 | | М | | | 1,596 | (4) | 07/31/2023 | Common Stock | 1,596 | \$0 | 20,757 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The option granted at the exercise price of \$10.93, representing a right to purchase 49,500 shares, becomes exercisable in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of each quarter beginning on September 30, 2010.
- 2. The option granted at the exercise price of \$15.50, representing a right to purchase 37,500 shares, becomes exercisable in16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of each quarter, beginning September 30, 2011.
- 3. The option granted at the exercise price of \$23.38, representing a right to purchase 27,401 shares, becomes exercisable in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of each quarter, beginning on September 28, 2012.
- 4. The option, granted at an exercise price of \$32.54, representing a right to purchase 25,546 shares, becomes exercisable in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of the quarter beginning on September 30, 2013.

fact for Mr. Sullivan

** 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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