## February 9, 2022

Mark J. Bulanda President Emersub CX, Inc. c/o Emerson Electric Co. 8000 West Florissant Avenue St. Louis, MO 63136

Re: Emersub CX, Inc.
Registration

Statement on Form S-4

Filed January 11,

2022

File No. 333-262106

Dear Mr. Bulanda:

 $\label{eq:weak_problem} \mbox{We have reviewed your registration statement and have the following comments. In}$ 

some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right$ 

understand your disclosure.

 $\,\,$  Please respond to this letter by amending your registration statement and providing the

requested information. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +$ 

circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left($ 

response.

 $\mbox{ After reviewing any amendment to your registration statement and the information you } \\$ 

provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

Registration Statement on Form S-4

Cover page

1. Disclose that after the transactions, you will be a controlled company under the Nasdaq rules and may avail yourself, in whole or in part as requested by Emerson, of available "controlled company" exemptions to the corporate governance listing standards of

Nasdaq.

Q: What is happening in the Transactions?, page 5

2. Clarify that the common stock of New AspenTech will not be traded on Nasdaq until you

make an application to

list it on Nasdaq and your application is approved.

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Q: What will existing stockholders of AspenTech own after the Transactions?, page 6

3. Revise to state that following the transactions, stockholders of AspenTech will own shares

in a "controlled company" under Nasdaq. Clarify that certain outcomes of corporate

actions of New AspenTech will be controlled by Emerson and certain approval rights will

continue as long as Emerson beneficially owns a certain percentage of outstanding shares.

Risk Factors

Ownership interests will not be adjusted if there is a change in the value of AspenTech..., page

4. Revise this risk factor to specify that the number of shares AspenTech shareholders will

receive under the transaction agreement is based on a fixed exchange ratio. Discuss any  $\,$ 

risks related to the fact that the exchange ratio will not be adjusted to reflect changes in  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right$ 

the market price of AspenTech shares before the closing date and that the value of the  $\,$ 

shares surrendered in the transactions may be higher or lower than the value of such  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{S}}$ 

shares at an earlier date.

Following the completion of the Transactions, Emerson will be prohibited, subject to certain

exceptions, from transferring shares..., page 38

5. Expand your risk factor to disclose risks to New AspenTech's stock price or its ability to

 $\mbox{\tt maintain}$  Nasdaq continuing listing requirements after the expiration of Emerson's

standstill period or the exercise of Emerson's pre-agreed procedures to acquire shares of

New AspenTech.

Risk Factors Related to the Business of New AspenTech, page 39

6. Please add risk factors related to the anti-takeover and exclusive forum provisions in New

AspenTech's organizational documents.

Background of the Transactions, page 55

7. When you refer to the AspenTech Board clarify that you mean all members of the board

unless otherwise specified or, if not, revise accordingly. When you refer to Emerson,  $\,$ 

clarify that you mean its board of directors or, if not, revise accordingly. In addition,

expand the description of the transaction timeline to:

identify the material synergies that were discussed at certain points in the timeline  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1$ 

and quantify them as appropriate;

describe the material attributes and size of Company X;

disclose the negotiations regarding the amount of the termination fee;

describe in greater detail negotiations determining the merger consideration.

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including the exchange ratio of 0.42 common stock for each share of AspenTech

stock;

disclose any discussions involving continuing employment or involvement for any  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left($ 

persons affiliated with AspenTech before the merger;

discuss any material details with respect to the existing commercial alliance between

AspenTech and Emerson that impacted the merger negotiations; and

identify any estimate of the value of the OSI Inc. and GSS business provided by  $\,$ 

Emerson after August 12, 2021.

Recommendation of the AspenTech Board and Its Reasons for the Transactions Business and Financial Information of Emerson Industrial Software Business, page 70

8. Summarize the material information and discussions with AspenTech's management that

the AspenTech Board considered in its evaluation of the Emerson Industrial Software  $\,$ 

Business. Risks, page 72

9. Provide an estimate of the costs to be incurred in connection with the transactions. Please

also tell us if the AspenTech Board considered any other conflicts of interest when  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right)$ 

 $\,$  evaluating the negative factors of the transaction proposal, including the fact that

Centerview separately held discussions with both AspenTech and Emerson about a  $\,$ 

 $\,$  possible transaction before being engaged by Emerson as its financial advisor in January  $\,$ 

2021.

Projected Financial Data, page 75

10. Please tell us why the AspenTech Board and Emerson management had a reasonable basis

to provide financial projections for 5 years, and, with respect to unlevered FCF synergy

impact, through 2032. In addition, please revise your description of projected financial  $\,$ 

data to:

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projections;

disclose the "base case" and "downside case" scenarios that were presented at the  $\,$ 

AspenTech Board meeting on February 19, 2021;

 $\,$  provide the reason why, at the February 19 meeting, the AspenTech Board

determined that the upside case of the AspenTech February 19 Projections was the  $\,$ 

most likely case;

identify the "certain adjustments" agreed to by Emerson and Aspen Tech on August  $\,$ 

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 $\,$  17, 2021, regarding the Emerson Industrial Software Business Projections; and

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 $$\operatorname{\mathtt{Management}}$$  Projections or the Adjusted Emerson Industrial Software Business

Projections.

Accounting Treatment, page 88

11. Please provide us with a comprehensive analysis explaining how you determined that

Emerson Industrial Software Business was the acquirer in this transaction. Please also

revise your disclosures to explain how you arrived at this conclusion. Please refer to  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{ASC}}$ 

805-10-55-10 through 55-15.

U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Transactions, page 96

12. We note your disclosure on page 71 that the AspenTech Board considered favorably the

expectation that AspenTech stockholders generally will not recognize gain or loss for U.S.  $\,$ 

 $\label{eq:continuous} \text{federal income tax purposes as a result of the exchange of their } AspenTech \ \text{common stock}$ 

for common stock of Newco in the transactions (to the extent stockholders have gain in

excess of the amount of cash consideration paid in the transactions). In light of the  $\,$ 

materiality of the stock for stock exchange in the merger not being taxable to AspenTech

shareholders, a tax opinion supporting the intended tax treatment appears to be required  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left$ 

by Item 601(b)(8) of Regulation S-K. For guidance, please refer to Staff Legal Bulletin

19 (October 12, 2011). Further, we also note your disclosure that AspenTech, Emerson,

Newco, and their respective affiliates each intend to take the position that the transactions, taken together, qualify as a transaction described in Section 351 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Advise whether a tax opinion will be provided to support this conclusion. Lastly, we note that the Form of Tax Matters Agreement describes that the pre-closing restructuring, the Emerson contributions, and the merger exchange are intended to qualify for the "Intended Tax Treatment." Please summarize the material tax aspects of the pre-closing restructuring and the Emerson contribution in your disclosure and advise whether the tax opinion referenced in the Tax Matters Agreement will be delivered in connection with the closing of the transactions. Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements (4) Pro Forma Adjustments and Assumptions, page 154 Please revise your discussion of adjustment (e) to the Condensed Combined Balance Sheet to disclose the amortization period used to calculate amortization expense for intangibles for the year ended September 30, 2021. FirstName LastNameMark J. Bulanda We note the disclosure in footnote m. In a supporting schedule, please show how NameEmersub Comapany CX, Inc. the Aspen Technology, Inc.income statement line-items for the 12 months ended September 30, 2021 February 9, 2022 Page 4 were calculated.  ${\tt FirstName \ LastName}$ Mark J. Bulanda FirstName LastNameMark J. Bulanda Emersub CX, Inc. Comapany9, NameEmersub February 2022 CX, Inc. February Page 5 9, 2022 Page 5 FirstName LastName Exclusive Venue, page 170 We note that the forum selection provision in your proposed charter identifies the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware as the exclusive forum for certain litigation, including any "derivative action," to the extent such court has jurisdiction. As Section 27 of the Exchange Act creates exclusive federal jurisdiction over all suits

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brought to enforce any

duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or the rules and regulations thereunder,

please clearly state whether the exclusive forum provision applies to actions arising under

the Exchange Act.

New AspenTech, page 174

Provide the basis for your statement that New AspenTech will have adjusted EBITDA and

free cash flow margins that are "among the highest in the industry." Overview of Emerson's OSI Inc. and GSS Businesses, page 176

Balance your disclosure of the OSI Inc. and GSS revenue generated on a 17. combined basis

disclosed here for the most recent fiscal year with the revenues and net loss for each

period presented in your financial statements.

Intellectual Property, page 178

Based on your transaction agreement and plan of merger, it appears that certain

intellectual property related to Open Systems International and the Echo Business will not

be transferred as part of the restructuring. We also note your disclosure on page 178 that

states management views the proprietary intellectual property portfolio of OSI Inc. and

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{GSS}}$  as important in the aggregate. Please disclose any material intellectual property that

is not being transferred to New AspenTech as part of the restructuring. Revise your

description of intellectual property to describe the duration and effect of all patents,  $\$ 

 $\,$  trademarks, and licenses that are material to the business of OSI Inc. and GSS that are

being transferred to New AspenTech. Refer to Item 101(c)(1)(iii) of Regulation S-K.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, page 191

19. Please revise to more fully describe the nature of the control deficiencies identified by

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describe the steps, if any, that management has already taken to address these material  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left($ 

weaknesses.

Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Revenue Recognition, page FS-10

20. Please provide us with a detailed analysis explaining how you determined that your

perpetual software license, hardware and professional services are highly integrated and

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are therefore accounted for as a single performance obligation. Please refer to ASC 606-  $\,$ 

10-25-21. Please also tell us if your OSI perpetual software licenses are ever sold without

 $\,$  professional services and/or hardware. If so, please tell us the amount of revenue

generated from those license-only sales for each period presented. (15) Other Financial Data, page FS-22

21. Please revise to add footnotes to the table on page FS-22 to explain where depreciation  $\ \ \,$ 

expense and amortization of capitalized software are recorded in your Consolidated and  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left($ 

Combined Statements of Earnings (Loss).

We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right)$ 

and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. Please allow adequate

time for us to review any amendment prior to the requested effective date of the registration statement.

You may contact Lisa Etheredge, Senior Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3424 or Robert

Littlepage, Accounting Branch Chief, at (202) 551-3361 if you have questions regarding

comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact Patrick Faller, Staff  $\,$ 

Attorney, at (202) 551-4438 or Jeff Kauten, Staff Attorney, at (202) 551-3447 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

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