FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | | | or Section 30(1) of the investment Company Act of 1940 | |
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| | dress of Reporting PARTNERS | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/</u> [AZPN] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title v Other (specify |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ADVENT INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION 75 STATE STREET, 29TH FLOOR | | DNAL CORPORATION | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/13/2006 | Member of group > 10% |
| (Street) BOSTON | MA | 02109 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | |

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) | | Transaction Code (Instr. | | | | | Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|---|--------|---------------|--------|------------------------------------|---|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | | X | | 42,521 | A | \$3.33 | 42,521 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | | X | | 11,588 | D | \$3.33 | 30,933 | 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 Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/N | ate | 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 | | | | |
| Warrants to purchase common stock | \$3.33 | 07/13/2006 | | x | | | 42,521 | 08/14/2003 | 08/14/2010 | Common Stock | 42,521 | \$0.00 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

<u>/s/ Jarlyth H. Gibson, Assistant</u> <u>Compliance Officer</u> 07/17/2006

** 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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