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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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| ADVENT INTERNATIONAL CORP/MA (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | 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 X Other (specify below) |
|---|---------|-------|---|---|
| | | () | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/30/2007 | Member of group > 10% |
| (Street) BOSTON | МА | 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) | | Feisui |

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 Dispose Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
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| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (| | |
| Common Stock | 03/30/2007 | | S | | 435,000 | D | \$13.1023 | 30,027,336 | Ι | see footnote ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Common Stock | 04/02/2007 | | S | | 70,000 | D | \$12.7405 | 29,957,336 | Ι | see footnote ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Common Stock | 04/03/2007 | | s | | 125,000 | D | \$12.9779 | 29,832,336 | Ι | see footnote ⁽¹⁾ | | |

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

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| | 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) | | 5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) of Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5 | ative rities ired osed | 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 | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. These securities are indirectly beneficially owned in the following capacities: as a General Partner of Advent Partners (NA) GPE III Limited Partnership, Advent Partners DMC III Limited Partnership, Advent Partners GPE-IV Limited Partnership, Advent Partners I Limited Partnership and as a General Partner of Advent International Limited Partnership which in turn is the General Partner of the following entities: Advent Energy II Limited Partnership, Advent PGGM Global Limited Partnership, Digital Media & Communications III-A Limited Partnership, Digital Media & Communications III-C Limite

Remarks:

<u>/s/ Jarlyth H. Gibson, Assistant</u> <u>Compliance Officer</u> <u>04/03/2007</u>

** 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).

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