SEC Form 4

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ADVENT INTERNATIONAL CORP/MA (Last)　　　(First)　　　(Middle) 75 STATE STREET, 29TH FLOOR (Street) BOSTON　　　MA　　　02109 (City)　　　(State)　　　(Zip)	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ [AZPN] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2006 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director　　　　10% Owner Officer (give title below)　X　Other (specify below) Member of group > 10% 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X　Form filed by One Reporting Person 　　Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	05/18/2006		S		2,900,000	D	$11.3	100,000	I	see footnote[1]

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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-III Limited Partnership, Advent Partners GPE-IV Limited Partnership, Advent Partners II 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 Limited Partnership, Digital Media & Communications III-A Limited Partnership, Digital Media & Communications III-B Limited Partnership, Digital Media & Communications III-C Limited Partnership, Digital Media & Communications III-D C.V., Digital Media & Communications III-E C.V., Global Private Equity III Limited Partnership and Global Private Equity IV Limited Partnership.

Remarks:

/s/ Jarlyth H. Gibson, Assistant Compliance Officer　　　05/22/2006

** 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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