

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
**ADVENT INTERNATIONAL
 CORP/MA**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/
 [AZPN]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
75 STATE STREET, 29TH FLOOR
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/13/2006

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Member of group > 10%

BOSTON, MA 02109

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | | X | | 6,006,006 | A | \$ 3.33 |
| Common Stock | 07/13/2006 | | X | | 1,636,670 | D | \$ 3.33 |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|-----------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount |
| Warrants to purchase common stock | \$ 3.33 | 07/13/2006 | | X | 6,006,006 | 08/14/2003 | 08/14/2010 | Common Stock | 6,006,006 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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75 STATE STREET, 29TH FLOOR
BOSTON, MA 02109

Member of group > 10%

Signatures

/s/ Jarlyth H. Gibson, Assistant Compliance Officer

07/17/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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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