

KOTZABASAKIS MANOLIS E  
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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 \*  
 KOTZABASAKIS MANOLIS E

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)  
 ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC., 200  
 WHEELER ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/02/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP, Products

BURLINGTON, MA 01803

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |            |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--------|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V | Amount |   |  |                                   | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock                    | 12/02/2011                           |  | M                              |   |   | 5,000  | A   | \$ 6.57  | 147,395                           | D          |       |
| Common Stock                    | 12/02/2011                           |  | S                              |   |   | 4,000  | D   | \$ 17.89   | 143,395                           | D          |       |
| Common Stock                    | 12/02/2011                           |  | S                              |   |   | 1,000  | D   | \$ 17.895  | 142,395                           | D          |       |
| Common Stock                    | 12/05/2011                           |  | M                              |   |   | 5,000  | A   | \$ 6.57  | 147,395                           | D          |       |
| Common Stock                    | 12/05/2011                           |  | S                              |   |   | 5,000  | D   | \$ 18.2  | 142,395                           | D          |       |

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 6.57  | 12/02/2011                           |  | M                              | 5,000   | <u>(1)</u> 10/14/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 5,000                         |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 6.57  | 12/05/2011                           |  | M                              | 5,000   | <u>(2)</u> 10/14/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 5,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer       | Other |
| KOTZABASAKIS MANOLIS E<br>ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.<br>200 WHEELER ROAD<br>BURLINGTON, MA 01803 |               |           | EVP, Products |       |

## Signatures

/s/ F.G. Hammond,  
Attorney-In-Fact

12/06/2011

\*\*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).

(1) The option, representing a right to purchase 60,000 shares, became exercisable in 16 consecutive equal quarterly installments beginning on December 31, 2004. The option was exercised as to 22,500 shares on June 1, 2006, as to 5,000 shares on May 10, 2011 and as to 6,250 shares on September 15, 2011.

(2) The option, representing a right to purchase 60,000 shares, became exercisable in 16 consecutive equal quarterly installments beginning on December 31, 2004. The option was exercised as to 22,500 shares on June 1, 2006, as to 5,000 shares on May 10, 2011, as to 6,250 shares on September 15, 2011 and as to 5,000 shares on December 2, 2011.

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