ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/

Form 4

January 04, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Griffin William | | | 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) 20 CROSBY | (First) Y DRIVE | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/30/2016 | | | Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, Field Operations | | | | | |
| BEDFORD, | | | | If Amendment, Date Original led(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) | (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | ly Owned | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, i any (Month/Day/Year) | | on Date, if | Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ar) (Instr. 8) (A) or | | | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/30/2016 | | | M | 2,258 | A | \$ 31.26 | 54,569 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 12/30/2016 | | | S(1) | 2,258 | D | \$ 55 | 52,311 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 12/30/2016 | | | F | 1,693 (2) | D | \$ 54.75 | 50,618 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 01/03/2017 | | | S(1) | 1,111 | D | \$ 54.68 | 49,507 | D | | |

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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---------|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 31.26 | 12/30/2016 | | M | 2,258 | (3) | 02/07/2026 | Common Stock | 2,258 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Griffin William

20 CROSBY DRIVE EVP, Field Operations

BEDFORD, MA 01730

Signatures

/s/ Frederic G. Hammond, attorney-in-fact for Mr. 01/04/2017

**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) This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan completed and executed by the reporting person on September 1, 2016.
- (2) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy statutory tax withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units and distribution of stock
- (3) The option granted at an exercise price of \$31.26 vests in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of the quarter, beginning on March 31, 2016.

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