

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY III LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

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)  
**C/O ADVENT INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION, 75 STATE STREET, 29TH FLOOR**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/17/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Member of group > 10%

**BOSTON, MA 02109**

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/17/2006		C		420,000	A	\$ 3.33
					420,000	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)**

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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. Transaction Code	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
Series D-1 Convertible Preferred Stock	\$ 3.33 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/17/2006		C	4,200	<sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	common stock	420,000

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY III LIMITED  
 PARTNERSHIP  
 C/O ADVENT INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION  
 75 STATE STREET, 29TH FLOOR  
 BOSTON, MA 02109

Member of group >  
 10%

## Signatures

/s/ Jarlyth H. Gibson, Assistant Compliance Officer

05/18/2006

\*\*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).
- (1) Each of the Series D-1 shares is convertible into a number of shares of common stock equal to its stated value of \$333.00 per share (subject to adjustment) divided by the conversion price of \$3.33 per share (subject to adjustment).
- (2) Shares may be converted into common stock at any time and on a perpetual basis.

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