KOTZABASAKIS MANOLIS E

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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) ASPEN TECH WHEELER R		(Middle) INC., 200	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/27/2012	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
BURLINGTON, MA 01803				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit bor Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of	` ′	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)
Common Stock	08/27/2012		M	5,500	A	\$ 10.93	170,536	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2012		S	5,500 (2)	D	\$ 23.9613	165,036	D	
Common Stock	08/28/2012		M	19,250	A	\$ 10.93	184,286	D	
Common Stock	08/28/2012		S	19,250 (3)	D	\$ 24.3318	165,036	D	
Common Stock	08/28/2012		S	15,000 (4)	D	\$ 24.8392	150,036	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.93	08/27/2012		M	5,500	<u>(1)</u>	08/01/2020	Common Stock	5,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.93	08/28/2012		M	19,250	<u>(1)</u>	08/01/2020	Common Stock	19,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

KOTZABASAKIS MANOLIS E ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. 200 WHEELER ROAD BURLINGTON, MA 01803

EVP, Products

Signatures

/s/ F.G. Hammond, Attorney-In-Fact 08/29/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 granted at the exercise price of \$10.93 vests in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of each quarter, beginning on September 30, 2010.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$23.95 to \$24.00, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Aspen Technology, Inc., any security holder of Aspen Technology, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$24.00 to \$24.7325, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Aspen Technology, Inc., any security holder of Aspen Technology, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$24.75 to \$24.92, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Aspen Technology, Inc., any security holder of Aspen Technology, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

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