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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Johnsen Karl E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ [AZPN]				5	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC., 20 CROSBY DRIVE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/13/2018					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President and CFO		
	(Street)			endment, Day/Yea	ment, Date Original Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
BEDFORD, MA 01730								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Stock	08/13/2018			M	117	A	\$ 43.44	30,882	D	
Common Stock	08/13/2018			M	155	A	\$ 44.38	31,037	D	
Common Stock	08/13/2018			M	7,034	A	\$ 37.91	38,071	D	
Common Stock	08/13/2018			S	9,438	D	\$ 108.07 (1)	28,633	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)	Secu Acq (A) (Disp (D)	or osed of r. 3, 4,	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)	\$ 43.44	08/13/2018		M		117	(2)	07/31/2024	Common Stock	117
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 44.38	08/13/2018		M		155	(3)	08/02/2025	Common Stock	155
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.91	08/13/2018		M		7,034	<u>(4)</u>	09/30/2025	Common Stock	7,034

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
1 77 170							

Johnsen Karl E C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. 20 CROSBY DRIVE BEDFORD, MA 01730

Senior Vice President and CFO

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/s/ F. G. Hammond, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Johnsen

08/15/2018

**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).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in several transactions at prices ranging from \$107.68 to \$108.217, 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.
- (2) The option granted at the exercise price of \$43.44 vests in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of the quarter, beginning on September 30, 2014.
- (3) The option granted at the exercise price of \$44.38 vests in 16 consecutive equal quarterly installments on the last business day of the quarter, beginning on September 30, 2015.
- (4) The option granted at the exercise price of \$37.91 vests in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of the quarter, beginning on December 31, 2015.

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