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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

^ Kasch Rick D
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

830 TENDERFOOT HILL ROAD,^ SUITE 310

(Street)

COLORADO SPRINGS,^ CO^ 80906

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
 07/27/2010

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ASPEN EXPLORATION CORP [ASPN]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

5. 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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Common Stock

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

1,451,924

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

D ^

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Title

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Stock Options ⁽¹⁾ | 07/30/2010 | 07/30/2015 | Common Stock 300,000 \$ 0.49 | D |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Kasch Rick D 830 TENDERFOOT HILL ROAD SUITE 310 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80906 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Rick D. 08/02/2010
Kasch

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Options granted pursuant to Aspen's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan. These options vest on a pro-rata basis over a three year term, with the first one third having vested on July 30, 2010. This transaction is exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

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