

Imperato Douglas P  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Imperato Douglas P

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/17/2010

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

C/O ASPEN EXPLORATION CORPORATION, 2050 S. ONEIDA STREET SUITE 208

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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DENVER, CO 80224-2426

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock - \$.005 Par Value |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,000   | 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)

| 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 (Instr. 8) | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Option<br>(1)                              | \$ 2.14  |                                      |  |                                |   | 09/30/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/27/2013                     | Common Stock 8,333<br>(1)                                     |
| Options<br>(2)                             | \$ 0.4125  | 02/17/2010                           |  | A                              | 75,000  | <sup>(2)</sup> 02/15/2015                                | Common Stock 75,000   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Imperato Douglas P<br>C/O ASPEN EXPLORATION CORPORATION<br>2050 S. ONEIDA STREET SUITE 208<br>DENVER, CO 80224-2426 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Douglas P. Imperato  
Date: 02/18/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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).
- On February 27, 2008 Mr. Imperato was granted an option to purchase 25,000 of common stock pursuant to the 2008 Equity Plan. 1/3 of the shares were to vest on each September 30, of 2008, 2009, and 2010 if certain performance criteria are met. On September 30, 2008,
- (1) 4,530 of the options were deemed earned, and 3,803 were deemed unearned; on September 30, 2009 8,333 of the options were deemed unearned; and 8,333 remain unvested and will only vest if certain company performance objectives are met during the 2010 fiscal year. The unvested options are not yet subject to the reporting requirements.
  - (2) Options granted pursuant to the 2008 Equity Plan. This transaction is exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d) and is not yet subject to mandatory reporting because these options do not vest unless and until there is a "change of control" event with respect to Aspen.

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