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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED)
July 12, 2006

ASTA FUNDING, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-26906

(Commission File Number)

22-3388607

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

210 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 201-567-5648

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below): N/A

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

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ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

On July 11, 2006, Asta Funding, Inc. (the "Company") entered into the Fourth Amended and Restated Loan Agreement with a consortium of banks, and as a

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result the credit facility is now \$175 million, up from \$125 million with an expandable feature which allows the Company the ability to increase the line to \$225 million with the consent of the banks. The line of credit bears interest at the lesser of LIBOR plus an applicable margin, or the lesser of the prime rate plus or minus an applicable margin based on certain leverage ratios. The credit line is collateralized by all portfolios of consumer receivables acquired for liquidation and contains customary financial and other covenants (relative to tangible net worth, interest coverage, and leverage ratio, as defined) that must be maintained in order to borrow funds.

ITEM 2.03 CREATION OF A DIRECT FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OR AN OBLIGATION UNDER AN OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENT OF A REGISTRANT.

The information set forth above in Item 1.01 of this current report on Form 8-K regarding the Credit Facility is hereby incorporated into this Item 2.03 by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|---|
| 10.1 | Fourth Amendment and Restated Loan and Security Agreement dated as of July 11, 2006 (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"). |
| 99.1 | Press release dated July 11, 2006 |

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ASTA FUNDING, INC.

Date: July 12, 2006

By: /s/ Mitchell Cohen

Mitchell Cohen
Chief Financial Officer

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