

STERN ARTHUR  
Form 4  
January 10, 2006

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**STERN ARTHUR**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O ASTA FUNDING, INC., 210  
SYLVAN AVENUE**

(Street)

**ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ 07632**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**ASTA FUNDING INC [ASFI]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**01/06/2006**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
Chairman and Executive V.P.

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 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)
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	01/06/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	3,871 D \$ 30	224,819 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	01/09/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	3,871 D \$ 30.21	220,948 <sup>(2)</sup>	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STERN ARTHUR C/O ASTA FUNDING, INC. 210 SYLVAN AVENUE ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ 07632	X		Chairman and Executive V.P.	

## Signatures

/s/ Erik W. Johnson, Esq.,  
Attorney-In-Fact

01/10/2006

\*\*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).

(1) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Mr. Stern on September 15, 2005.

Mr. Stern indirectly owns (a) 214,542 shares of Common Stock, which represents Mr. Stern's pecuniary interest in shares held by Asta Group, Incorporated, (b) 349,460 shares of Common Stock, which represents Mr. Stern's pecuniary interest in shares held by Stern

(2) Family Investors, LLC, and (c) 1,278 shares of Common Stock, which represents Mr. Stern's pecuniary interest in shares held by GMS Family Investors LLC, all of which shares are not included in Table I. Mr. Stern does not have voting or investment power with respect to any of the shares held by either LLC and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the LLCs.

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