ASPEN EXPLORATION CORP

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 30(h) of the Investment Co

1(b).

Stock -

| (Print or Type Responses) | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| , | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASPEN EXPLORATION CORP [ASPN] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
| | (First) (N EXPLORATION O S ONEIDA ST | | (Month/I | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/18/2006 | | | | _X Director _X 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Board Chairman & Vice Pres. | | | |
| DENVER, | (Street) CO 80224-2426 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. | 4. Securities Acquired ior(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect | | |
| Common Stock - \$.005 Par Value | 04/18/2006 | | | Code V | Amount 6,000 | or (D) | Price \$ 5.005 | (Instr. 3 and 4) 1,212,536 | D | | |
| Common Stock - \$.005 Par Value | 04/19/2006 | | | S | 10,500 | D | \$ 5.02 | 1,202,036 | D | | |
| Common | | | | | | | | 32,000 | I | By Trust | |

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\$.005 Par Value Common

Stock -

\$.005 Par Value

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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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of Derivative

Security

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

TransactionNumber Code of (Instr. 8) Derivative

Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)

5.

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

I (1)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

By Wife

(9-02)

8. Pri Deriv Secu (Instr

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

> Date Expiration Exercisable Date

Title

or Number of Shares

Amount

Code V (A) (D)

08/15/2005 08/15/2006 Common

50,000

01/01/2006 01/01/2010 Common 65,000

Option \$ 0.57

Option \$ 2.67

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

X

10% Owner Officer Director Other

Board

Chairman &

Vice Pres.

BAILEY ROBERT V C/O ASPEN EXPLORATION CORP 2050 S ONEIDA ST SUITE 208 DENVER, CO 80224-2426

Signatures

/s/ R. V. Bailey 04/20/2006 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

Reporting Owners 2

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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) These shares owned by Mieko Nakamura Bailey (wife).
- (2) Transaction is exempt from the 16(a) reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).
- (3) 21,667 shares vest and are exercisable on 1/1/06 and 1/1/07 and 21,666 on 1/1/08.

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