

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
SCHEDULE 13D
(Rule 13d-101)
INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO
RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(a)
(Amendment No. 6)¹
Aspen Technology, Inc.**

(Name of issuer)
Common Stock, par value \$0.10

(Title of class of securities)
045327103

(CUSIP number)
Jarlyth H. Gibson, Compliance Officer 617-951-9493
C/o Advent International Corporation, 75 State Street, 29th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive
Notices and Communications)
September 28, 2010

(Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Advent International Corporation

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 8,812,336

8 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY SHARED VOTING POWER

None

9 EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 8,812,336

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

8,812,336

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

13

9.49%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Advent International Limited Partnership

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

2

(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4

WC

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF 8,649,037

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

None

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

REPORTING

PERSON 8,649,037

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

8,649,037

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

13

9.31%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

14

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Advent Energy II Limited Partnership

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

- (a)
- (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 581,621

8 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY SHARED VOTING POWER
None

9 EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 581,621

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

581,621

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

13

0.63%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

14

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Advent PGGM Global Limited Partnership

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

- (a)
- (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 123,365

8 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY SHARED VOTING POWER
None

9 EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 123,365

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

123,365

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

13

0.13%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Digital Media & Communications III Limited Partnership

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

2

(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4

WC

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF 569,617

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY None

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

REPORTING

PERSON 569,617

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

569,617

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

13

0.61%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Digital Media & Communications III-A Limited Partnership

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 282,007

8 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY SHARED VOTING POWER

None

9 EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 282,007

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

282,007

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

13

0.30%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Digital Media & Communications III-B Limited Partnership

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

2

(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4

WC

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF 70,485

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY None

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

REPORTING

PERSON 70,485

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

70,485

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

13

0.08%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Digital Media & Communications III-C Limited Partnership

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

2

(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4

WC

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF 1,128,000

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

None

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 1,128,000

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

1,128,000

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

13

1.21%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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Digital Media & Communications III-D C.V.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

- (a)
- (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Netherlands

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 211,489

8 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY SHARED VOTING POWER
None

9 EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 211,489

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

211,489

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

13

0.23%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

14

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
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Digital Media & Communications III-E C.V.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

- (a)
- (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Netherlands

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 141,004

8 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY SHARED VOTING POWER
None

9 EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 141,004

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

141,004

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

13

0.15%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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Global Private Equity III Limited Partnership

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

- (a)
- (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 1,233,729

8 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY SHARED VOTING POWER
None

9 EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 1,233,729

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

1,233,729

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

13

1.33%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

14

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I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Global Private Equity IV Limited Partnership

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

- (a)
- (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 4,307,720

8 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY SHARED VOTING POWER
None

9 EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 4,307,720

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

4,307,720

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

13

4.64%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

14

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Advent Partners (NA) GPE-III Limited Partnership

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

2

(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4

WC

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF 3,137

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

None

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 3,137

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

3,137

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

13

0.00%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

14

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Advent Partners DMC III Limited Partnership

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

- (a)
- (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 32,689

8 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY SHARED VOTING POWER
None

9 EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 32,689

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

32,689

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

13

0.04%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

14

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Advent Partners GPE-III Limited Partnership

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

- (a)
- (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 10,563

8 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY SHARED VOTING POWER
None

9 EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 10,563

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

10,563

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

13

0.01%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

14

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Advent Partners GPE-IV Limited Partnership

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

- (a)
- (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 54,523

8 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY SHARED VOTING POWER
None

9 EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 54,523

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

54,523

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

13

0.06%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

14

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Advent Partners II Limited Partnership

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

2

(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4

WC

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

NUMBER OF 62,387

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY None

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON 62,387

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

62,387

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

13

0.07%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

14

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This statement on Amendment No. 6 to Schedule 13D (Amendment No. 6) relates to the Reporting Persons beneficial ownership interest in the Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share, of Aspen Technology, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Corporation). The address of the principal executive office of the Corporation is 200 Wheeler Road, Burlington, MA 01803. This Amendment No. 6 amends the initial statement on Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on August 22, 2003, as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto filed with the Commission on June 6, 2006, Amendment No. 2 thereto filed with the Commission on July 26, 2006, Amendment No. 3 thereto filed with the Commission on December 15, 2006, Amendment No. 4 thereto filed with the Commission on December 22, 2006 and Amendment No. 5 thereto filed with the Commission on February 14, 2008 (as so amended, the Schedule 13D). This Amendment No. 6 is being filed by the Reporting Persons to amend Item 5. Terms defined in the Schedule 13D are used herein as so defined.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended as set forth in the following table which reports the aggregate number and percentage of the Common Stock beneficially owned by each Reporting Person named in Item 2 of the Schedule 13D (based upon 92,892,014 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of September 1, 2010). The table has been amended to reflect sales made on behalf of each Reporting Person since Amendment No. 5 was filed. On September 28, 2010, the Reporting Persons listed below completed the sale of an aggregate of 20,700,000 shares of Commons Stock in an underwritten offering, at a price per share to the underwriters of \$8.569. The aggregate number and percentage of the Common Stock beneficially owned by each Reporting Person is calculated in accordance with Rule 13d-3.

Reporting Person	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Common Stock Outstanding	Number of Shares Acquired during Past 60 Days	Number of Shares Disposed of during Past 60 Days
Advent International Corporation (1),(2)	8,812,336	9.49%	0	20,700,000
Advent International Limited Partnership (1)	8,649,037	9.31%	0	20,316,398
Advent Energy II Limited Partnership (1)	581,621	0.63%	0	1,366,214
Advent PGGM Global Limited Partnership (1)	123,365	0.13%	0	289,786
Digital Media & Communications III Limited Partnership (1)	569,617	0.61%	0	1,338,021
Digital Media & Communications III-A Limited Partnership (1)	282,007	0.30%	0	662,428
Digital Media & Communications III-B Limited Partnership (1)	70,485	0.08%	0	165,572
Digital Media & Communications III-C Limited Partnership (1)	1,128,000	1.21%	0	2,649,641
Digital Media & Communications III-D C.V. (1)	211,489	0.23%	0	496,786
Digital Media & Communications III-E C.V. (1)	141,004	0.15%	0	331,214
	1,233,729	1.33%	0	2,897,999

Global Private Equity III Limited Partnership (1)				
Global Private Equity IV Limited Partnership (1)	4,307,720	4.64%	0	10,118,737
Advent Partners (NA) GPE-III Limited Partnership (2)	3,137	0.00%	0	7,376
Advent Partners DMC III Limited Partnership (2)	32,689	0.04%	0	76,789
Advent Partners GPE-III Limited Partnership (2)	10,563	0.01%	0	24,815

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	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Common Stock Outstanding	Number of Shares Acquired during Past 60 Days	Number of Shares Disposed of during Past 60 Days
Advent Partners GPE-IV Limited Partnership (2)	54,523	0.06%	0	128,074
Advent Partners II Limited Partnership (2)	62,387	0.07%	0	146,548
Total Group	8,812,336	9.49%	0	20,700,000

(1) Advent International Corporation (AIC) is the General Partner of Advent International Limited Partnership (AILP) which in turn is the General Partner of the indicated Reporting Persons. As such, AIC has the sole power to vote and dispose of the securities owned by the indicated Reporting Persons. The beneficial ownership of AIC and AILP derive from such power.

(2) AIC is the General Partner of the indicated Reporting

Person. As such, AIC has the sole power to vote and dispose of the securities owned by the indicated reporting persons. The beneficial ownership of AIC derives from such power.

- (b) Each of the Reporting Persons listed in the table set forth above has sole voting and dispositive power over the Common Stock beneficially owned by it as indicated above.
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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

September 30, 2010

Global Private Equity IV Limited Partnership

Global Private Equity III Limited Partnership

Advent PGGM Global Limited Partnership

Digital Media & Communications III Limited Partnership

Digital Media & Communications III-A Limited Partnership

Digital Media & Communications III-B Limited Partnership

Digital Media & Communications III-C Limited Partnership

Digital Media & Communications III-D C.V.

Digital Media & Communications III-E C.V.

Advent Energy II Limited Partnership

By: Advent International Limited Partnership,

General Partner

By: Advent International Corporation,

General Partner

By: Jarlyth H. Gibson, Compliance Officer*

Advent International Limited Partnership

Advent Partners II Limited Partnership

Advent Partners GPE-IV Limited Partnership

Advent Partners GPE-III Limited Partnership

Advent Partners (NA) GPE-III Limited Partnership

Advent Partners DMC-III Limited Partnership

By: Advent International Corporation,

General Partner

By: Jarlyth H. Gibson, Compliance Officer *

ADVENT INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

By: Jarlyth H. Gibson, Compliance Officer *

*For all of the above:

/s/ Jarlyth H. Gibson

Jarlyth H. Gibson, Compliance Officer