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\$.005 Par Value

Common Stock -

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(Print or Type Re	esponses)										
1. Name and Ad BAILEY RO	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer						
			ASPEN EXPLORATION CORP [ASPN]				(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)				_X_ Director _X_ 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify				
	EXPLORATIO ION, 2050 S O ITE 208		02/17/20	-			below) CEO,	below) President and V	/P		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person					
DENVER, C	O 80224-2426						Form filed by l Person	More than One Re	eporting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-Deri	ivative S	ecurities Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	Transaction/ Code I	4. Securiti Acquired Disposed Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock - \$.005 Par Value				Code V	Amount	(D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4) 1,241,776	D			
Common Stock - \$.005 Par							32,000	I	By Trust		

16,320

I (1)

By Wife

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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 orDerivative 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amous Number Shares
Option	\$ 2.67					01/01/2006	01/01/2010	Common Stock	65,0
Option (2)	\$ 2.14					09/30/2008(2)	02/27/2013	Common Stock	66,6 (2)
Options (3)	\$ 0.4125	02/17/2010		A	100,000	(3)	02/15/2015	Common Stock	100,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
F	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BAILEY ROBERT V C/O ASPEN EXPLORATION CORPORATION 2050 S ONEIDA STREET SUITE 208 DENVER CO 80224-2426	X	X	CEO, President and VP			

Signatures

/s/ R. V. Bailey 02/18/2010 **Signature of Date 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).

(1) These shares are owned by Mieko Nakamura Bailey (wife).

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- On February 27, 2008 Mr. Bailey was granted an option to purchase 200,000 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,
- (2) 36,240 of the options were deemed earned, and 30,427 were deemed unearned; on September 30, 2009 66,667 of the options were deemed unearned; and 66,667 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.
- 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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