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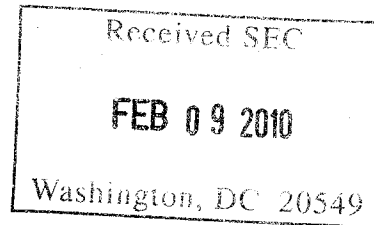
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February 9, 2010

Ms. Cecile Peters
Chief, IT Services
Division of Corporation Finance
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549



Dear Ms. Peters:

This is to certify that on February 9, 2010 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Aspen Technology, Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

Common Stock, \$.10 Par Value Per Share

We further certify that the security described above has been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

William Slattery