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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

RIVERA ALAN L Issuer Symbol ASTA FUNDING INC [ASFI] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director (Month/Day/Year) 10% Owner __Other (specify Officer (give title C/O ASTA FUNDING INC, 210 12/17/2008 below) SYLVAN AVE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Street)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ 07632

(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	ecurit	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ties		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	nAcquired	(A) o	r	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(A) or		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(1115ti. 5 tilit 4)		
Common Stock, par	12/17/2008		D	4,334	D	\$ 0	5,666	D	
value \$.01 per share	12/17/2000		Ъ	1,331	D	ΨΟ	3,000	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	of ng s	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
RIVERA ALAN L							
C/O ASTA FUNDING INC	X						
210 SYLVAN AVE	Λ						

Signatures

Reporting Person

/s/ Alan L.
Rivera

**Signature of Date

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ 07632

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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