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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(City)

per share

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Curtin Mary L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ASTA FUNDING INC [ASFI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

09/08/2011

(Check all applicable)

Senior Vice President

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title below)

Other (specify

C/O ASTA FUNDING, INC., 210 SYLVAN AVENUE

> (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ 07632

(State)

| (City) | (State) | Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Securitie | es Acqu | uired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|-----------|-----------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 3. Transactio | 4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of | | | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (D) | | | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Code V | (Instr. 3, Amount | (A) or | | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock, par | 09/08/2011 | | P | 3,600 | A \$ | § 8 26 | 9,934 | D | |

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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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exer | | 7. Title | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------------------|--------------|------------|----------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secur |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securi | ties | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities Acquired | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Own |
| | Security | | | | | | | | | | Follo |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | * | Title | Number | | |
| | | | | | | Lacicisable | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

Curtin Mary L C/O ASTA FUNDING, INC. 210 SYLVAN AVENUE ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ 07632

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Mary L. 09/14/2011 Curtin

**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).

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