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# **VIA EDGAR**

Mr. Larry Spirgel
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U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C. 20546

Dear Mr. Spirgel:

Please find our responses to the comments received from you in your letter dated A pril 13, 2012 ("Comment Letter") related to the Current Report on Form 8-K ("Form 8-K") of A spen Group, Inc. (the "Public Company") filed on March 19, 2012. Our response to each comment follows your comment which has been reproduced. Together with this response letter, the Public Company is filing an A mendment to the Form 8-K ("A mendment") in response to certain comments included in the Comment Letter.

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1. Provide us with copies of any industry analysis that you cite or upon which you rely, including, but not limited to, market research data and surveys prepared the National Center for Education Statistics and Eduventures, Inc. Please highlight the specific portions that you are relying upon so that we can reference them easily.

### Response

The Staff may view the applicable pages of the National Center for Education Statistics at <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=98">http://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=98</a> and <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=77">http://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=77</a>. The remaining authority, <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=98">Education Statistics at <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=98">http://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=98</a> and <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=77">http://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=98</a> and <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=98">http://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=98</a> and <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=98">htt

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2. Disclose any material relationships that existed between and among the Public Company, your former principal stockholders, and the stockholders of A spen University Inc. prior to the time of the reverse acquisition. Refer to I tem 2.01(c) and (d) of Form 8-K. Revise your disclosure to explain how the parties were introduced and the reasons they decided to proceed with the transaction and this particular structure. Identify any third parties that played a material role in arranging or facilitating the transactions and disclose the benefits they received for their roles. Identify any promoters as required by I tem 404(c) of Regulation S-K.

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<u>Response</u>
In response to the Staff's comment above, the Public Company has included the disclosure on page 2 of the Amendment
Competitive Strengths, page 6

## Response

In response to the Staff's comment above, the Public Company has added a risk factor regarding the risk that fewer enrollments could result from increased tuition costs on page 41 of the A mendment

10. Please include risk factor disclosure regarding your failure to obtain approval from the Delaware Department of Education for the power to confer degrees and the fines or other penalties you may be subject to as a result of such omission.

# <u>Response</u>

As discussed with the Staff on our phone call with our counsel, Michael D. Harris, Esq. of Nason, Y eager, Gerson, White & Lioce P.A., the Public Company believes that it is very unlikely that the Delaware Department of Education ("DDOE") would levy material penalties on the Public Company for failing to obtain approval to confer degrees. If the DDOE were to inform the Public Company that the failure to obtain such approval will result in material penalties, A spen University Inc. intends on reincorporating in Colorado where it is located. The penalty in Delaware is \$1,000, although the DDOE has authority to take such action as it determines appropriate. The Public gleterm ren sc & still—n  $\bullet$ 

## Response

In response to the Staff's comment above, the Public Company has provided this disclosure on page 37 of the Amendment concerning the amount of new financing which is needed. For competitive reasons, we do not believe it is appropriate to disclose the number of new students nor do we believe that this number is material.

## "Because a significant portion of our revenues historically have been attributable to one corporate customer...." page 38

13. Please clarify why you pay a third party marketing Public Company a material portion of the revenues from V erizon and indicate whether such third party will continue to receive this portion of your revenues. Please also address your disclosure on page 13 that you do not use third party marketers.

#### Response

In response to the Staff's comment above, the Public Company has provided this disclosure on page 38 of the Amendment and connected the reference to this third party. Additionally, we added language on page 13 clarifying that we do not use online lead generation companies.

## "A I though three of our directors have pledged shares of common stock ...." page 42

14. Expand your risk factor to address the additional 117,943 shares Mr. Mathews pledged as repayment for HEMG's \$772,293 obligation.

### Response

In response to the Staff's comment above, the Public Company has revised its disclosure on page 42 of the Amendment

## Public Company Overview, page 65

15. Please disclose the total number of part-time students currently enrolled and indicate the number of such students who are in your graduate degree program and in and your certificate or continuing education program. Disclose any trends with respect to (i) the number of your students enrolled full-time as compared with part-time, and (ii) the portion of your full-time students enrolled in master or doctoral degree programs.

# Response

In response to the Staff's comment above, the Public Company has revised its disclosure on page 65 of the Ammendment

16. Please revise to briefly explain how the fact that 88% of your full-time students being enrolled in a graduate degree program differentiates A spen from other on-line for-profit universities.

## Response

In response to the Staff's comment above, the Public Company has expanded its disclosure on page 65 of the Amment

17. Please disclose how you calculate your student course completion rate.

# Response

In response to the Staff's comment above, the Public Company has expanded its disclosure on page 65 of the Ammendment

# Costs and Expenses, page 67

18. We note the significant increase in instructional costs, marketing and promotional costs as well and general and administrative costs for the year ended D ecember 31, 2011. Expand your management's discussion and analysis to address whether management anticipates that these costs will continue to increase in future periods. In addition, address the administrative burdens and costs you will incur as a result of the reporting requirements instituted by the D epartment of Education, as discussed on page 32.

### Response

In response to the Staff's comment above, the Public Company has expanded its disclosure on page 67 of the Ammendment

19. We note your disclosure on page 69 that you expect to incur \$1.5M in capital expenditures over the next 12 months. Please expand your disclosure to specify the costs included in this estimate.

## Response

In response to the Staff's comment above, the Public Company has expanded its disclosure on page 69 of the Amendment

# Capital Resources and Liquidity, page 68

20. Disclose whether you believe your cash and cash generated from operations will satisfy your anticipated short-term and long-term working capital needs. A mong other consideration, your discussion should touch upon the costs associated with regulatory compliance with Department of Education and state regulators

## Response

In response to the Staff's comment above, the Public Company has expanded its disclosure on page 86 of the Amendment. While there was no provision in the Consulting Agreement permitting Aspen to terminate it, we have been advised that the failure to disclose the unauthorized borrowings provides a legal basis for termination.

25. Expand your disclosure to provide the terms of the Indemnification A greement between the Public Company and HEMG discussed on page 87.

# Response

In response to the Staff's comment above, the Public Company has expanded its disclosure on page 87 of the Amendment

# Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management, page 89

26. Revise your table to include footnote disclosure reflecting all of the shares that are pledged to the Public Company by Mr. Mathews and D rs. D 'A nton and Scheibelhoffer.

## Response

In response to the Staff's comment above, the Public Company has expanded its disclosure on page 89 of the Amendment

27. Please provide further explanation for the manner in which you intend to rectify the error by which HEMG's ownership was not reduced to reflect a sale of 10,000 shares to an investor. Disclose the status of the ownership dispute. Include risk factor disclosure addressing the risks of litigation by Mr. Spada and the investor with respect to these shares.

#### Response

In response to the Staff's comment above, the Public Company has expanded its disclosure on page 89 of the Amendment. The Public Company is neutral in this ownership dispute. If either party were to adjudicate the dispute, a court would determine which side had ownership rights. Because the Public Company believes that it has no exposure to liability, the Public Company did not include the recommended risk factor in the Amendment. Please note that the documentation is clear that Mr. Spada is responsible, particularly since at the time of the transactions at issue, A spen University lacked the authorized capital to sell additional common stock.

## Exhibit 9.01 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

28. We note that you have not filed certain disclosure schedules to Exhibit 2.2, A greement and Plan of Merger. We are unable to determine, however, where you have included a list briefly identifying the contents of all omitted schedules. Please revise or advise. Refer to I tem 601 (b) (2) of Regulation S-K.

### Response

In response to the Staff's comment above, the Public Company has included as Exhibit 99.3 a list identifying the contents of all omitted schedules.

### Exhibit 99.1

### Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 4. Secured Accounts and Notes Receivable - Related Party, page F-13

29. We refer to your disclosures regarding the \$2,209,960 note receivable due from the Public Company's former Chairman of the Board related to the years 2005 to 2011. We see on page 13 that there is no agreement with your former Chairman that this sum is due and also on page 85 that the amounts were not uncovered until November 2011. Tell us whether the former Chairman borrowed the \$2,209,960 in the form of cash advances or personal expenses paid using the Public Company's bank accounts. A Iso tell us the amounts borrowed by year.

# Response

The money borrowed by the former Chairman was in the form of net cash advances from A spen's bank accounts. The borrowed amounts by year were:

2011: \$14,876 2010: \$261,468 2009: \$559,009 2008: \$233,666 2007: (\$102,503) 2006: \$507,435 2005: \$736,009 Total: \$2,209,960

30. Considering that there is no agreement with the former Chairman regarding the amount due by him, that he has denied liability and that you have been unsuccessful in reaching a settlement agreement with him, tell us what makes you believe that the receivable from the former Chairman is recoverable.

Please direct any questions concerning this letter to Michael D. Harris, Esq. at (561) 471-3507, mharris@nasonyeager.com.

V ery truly yours,

/s/David Garrity

David Garrity, Chief Financial Officer