ASTA FUNDING INC Form 8-K February 18, 2004

> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

> > FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

> DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED) February 18, 2004

> > ASTA FUNDING, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-26906

22-3388607

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

210 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey07632(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 201-567-5648

Item 5. Other Events.

On February 18, 2004, Asta Funding, Inc. announced that it declared a quarterly cash dividend in the amount of \$0.03 for each share of the Corporation's Common Stock payable on May 1, 2004, to the holders of the Corporation's Common Stock of record on March 31, 2003.

On February 18, 2004, the Corporation also announced its intention to effect a two-for-one stock split on its Common Stock to be paid in the form of a 100% stock dividend, payable March 23, 2004, to the holders of the Corporation's Common Stock of record on March 9, 2004.

Asta Funding issued the press release attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated February 18, 2004.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ASTA FUNDING, INC.

Date: February 18, 2004

By: /S/ Mitchell Herman

Mitchell Herman Chief Financial Officer

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