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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)
October 5, 2005

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.)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below): N/A

|_| Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act
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|_| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

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At a meeting of the Board of Directors of on September 30, 2005, the Board of Directors of Asta Funding, Inc. approved the acceleration of the vesting of unvested stock options awarded to employees, officers and directors under the Company's stock option award programs. Shares received upon the exercise of accelerated options may not be sold prior to the earlier of the original vesting date or the recipient's termination of employment or service. The effective date of the accelerated vesting was September 30, 2005.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference to this Item is the Company's October 5, 2005 press release announcing the acceleration of options as described above.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Exhibit	
No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated October 5, 2005

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

ASTA FUNDING, INC.

Date: October 5, 2005 By: Mitchell Cohen

Mitchell Cohen

Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

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