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ASTA FUNDING INC Form 8-K June 22, 2011

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): June 21, 2011 ASTA FUNDING, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-26906 22-3388607

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

210 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey

07632

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On June 22, 2011 Asta Funding, Inc. (the Company), a consumer receivable asset management and liquidation company, announced that its Board of Directors has authorized a share repurchase program for up to \$20,000,000 of the Company s common stock. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Exhibits

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K:

No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated June 22, 2011 Asta Funding, Inc. Announces Share Repurchase Program

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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: June 22, 2011

By: /s/ Robert J. Michel Robert J. Michel Chief Financial Officer

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