

Rakes Zane  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Rakes Zane		(Month/Day/Year)	Ascent Solar Technologies, Inc. [ASTI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/04/2010	
C/O ASCENT SOLAR TECHNOLOGIES, INC., Â 12300 GRANT STREET			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)	(Check all applicable)			
			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			VP of Manufacturing	
THORNTON, Â CO Â 80241	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Common Stock Option (Right to Buy)	⌘ (1)	01/04/2020	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 5.39	D	⌘

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rakes Zane C/O ASCENT SOLAR TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 12300 GRANT STREET THORNTON, ⌘ CO ⌘ 80241	⌘	⌘	⌘ VP of Manufacturing	⌘

## Signatures

Zane Rakes                      01/13/2010  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
- (1) The stock option vests in the following amounts on the following dates: 25% on January 4, 2011; 25% on January 4, 2012; 25% on January 4, 2013; and 25% on January 4, 2014.

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