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ASTA FUNDING INC Form 8-K September 12, 2012

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)

September 10, 2012

ASTA FUNDING, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

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000-26906 (Commission File Number) 22-3388607 (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

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):

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On September 10, 2012, Asta Funding, Inc. announced that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.02 per share. The dividend is payable on November 1, 2012 to stockholders of record at the close of business on September 21, 2012.

The press release announcing the declaration of the dividend is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated by reference in its entirety into this Item 8.01.

Item 9.01 Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

No. Description

99.1 Press Release issued by Asta Funding, Inc., dated September 10, 2012

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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: September 12, 2012

By: /s/ Robert J. Michel
Robert J. Michel

Chief Financial Officer

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