



Encore Capital Group, Inc. Announces Earnings Conference Call, Webcast and Annual Meeting

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SAN DIEGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 19, 2004--Encore Capital Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: ECPG) will host a conference call to discuss its 1st quarter financial results and operational highlights at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time/2:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on Tuesday, May 4, 2004.

Members of the public are invited to listen to the Company's live quarterly conference call via the Internet. To hear the call, log on at the Investor Relations page of the Company's web site at www.encorecapitalgroup.com. For those who cannot listen to the live broadcast, a replay of the conference call will be available shortly after the call at the same location.

The Company's financial results for the 1st quarter will be released over the news wires after the market closes on Tuesday, May 4, 2004.

Additionally, Encore will hold its 2004 Annual Stockholders meeting at 1:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time, on Wednesday, May 5, 2004. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla, 3777 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, California 92122. The Company's Stockholders are invited to attend.

Encore Capital Group, Inc. is a systems-driven purchaser and manager of charged-off consumer receivable portfolios.

"Safe Harbor" Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Statements in this press release regarding Encore Capital Group's business which are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements" that involve risks and uncertainties. For a discussion of such risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements, see "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report or Form 10-K for the most recently ended fiscal year.

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