



Encore Capital Group, Inc. Announces First Quarter 2006 Conference Call and Webcast

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SAN DIEGO, April 19, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Encore Capital Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: ECPG) announced today that it will release its financial results for the first quarter of 2006 on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, after the market closes. The Company will also host a conference call the same day at 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time to discuss the reported results.

Members of the public are invited to listen to the conference call via a live Webcast. To listen, please log on the Investor Relations section of the Company's website at www.encorecapitalgroup.com. The replay of the conference call will be archived and available shortly after the call on the Company's website at the same location.

About Encore Capital Group, Inc.

Encore Capital Group, Inc. is a systems-driven purchaser and manager of charged-off consumer receivables portfolios. More information on the Company can be found at www.encorecapitalgroup.com.

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