



## Cabot Credit Management Decides to Not Go Forward with Initial Public Offering

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SAN DIEGO, Nov. 16, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Encore Capital Group (NASDAQ:ECPG) today announced that its U.K.-based subsidiary Cabot Credit Management has decided to not go forward with its previously announced initial public offering as a result of unfavorable equity market conditions in the U.K.

"Our fundamental view of Cabot as a clear leader in the European debt recovery market remains unchanged," said Ashish Masih, Encore's President and Chief Executive Officer. "Cabot is delivering strong results and remains a strategically important subsidiary with a well-established leadership position in the U.K. Our intent all along has been to retain a significant ownership position in Cabot, even after an IPO. We believe today's decision is the right one for Encore and our stakeholders and we will reevaluate our options over time. Cabot has sufficient access to capital in order to fund its growth and will continue to execute on its business plan."

### About Encore Capital Group, Inc.

Encore Capital Group is an international specialty finance company that provides debt recovery solutions and other related services for consumers across a broad range of financial assets. Through its subsidiaries around the globe, Encore purchases portfolios of consumer receivables from major banks and credit unions.

Encore partners with individuals as they repay their debt obligations, helping them on the road to financial recovery and ultimately improving their economic well-being. Encore is the first and only company of its kind to operate with a Consumer Bill of Rights that provides industry-leading commitments to consumers. Headquartered in San Diego, Encore is a publicly traded NASDAQ Global Select company (ticker symbol: ECPG) and a component stock of the Russell 2000, the S&P Small Cap 600 and the Wilshire 4500. More information about the company can be found at <http://www.encorecapital.com>. More information about the Company's Cabot Credit Management subsidiary can be found at <http://www.cabotcm.com>. Information found on the company's or Cabot's website is not incorporated by reference.

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