

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>PRUITT ROBIN R</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 8875 AERO DRIVE, SUITE 200 (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92123 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) X Sr. VP, General Counsel & Sec.
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2006	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/01/2006		M		6,666	A	\$1	13,416	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2006		s ⁽¹⁾		766	D	\$18.65	12,650	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2006		s ⁽¹⁾		97	D	\$18.48	12,553	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2006		s ⁽¹⁾		303	D	\$18.47	12,250	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2006		s ⁽¹⁾		335	D	\$18.46	11,915	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2006		s ⁽¹⁾		400	D	\$18.43	11,515	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2006		s ⁽¹⁾		535	D	\$18.42	10,980	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2006		s ⁽¹⁾		94	D	\$18.41	10,886	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2006		s ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$18.4	10,786	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2006		s ⁽¹⁾		200	D	\$18.38	10,586	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2006		s ⁽¹⁾		1,065	D	\$18.35	9,521	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2006		s ⁽¹⁾		1,771	D	\$18.33	7,750	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2006		s ⁽¹⁾		1,000	D	\$18.32	6,750	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$1	02/01/2006		M		6,666		(2)	11/15/2011	Common Stock	6,666	\$0	35,670	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 105-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 28, 2005.
- The option shares were granted to the reporting person on November 15, 2001 and are fully vested.

/s/ Robin R. Pruitt

02/01/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (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).

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