

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>BLACK J BRANDON</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) 8875 AERO DRIVE, #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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/23/2007					
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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	08/23/2007		A		42,450 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	47,450	D	
Common Stock	08/23/2007		A	V	42,450 ⁽²⁾	A	\$0	89,900	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					
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.92	08/23/2007		A		84,900		(3)	08/23/2017	Common Stock	\$0	84,900	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Grant to the reporting person on August 23, 2007 of deferred issuance restricted stock units ("RSUs") under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Encore's common stock. The RSUs are subject to vesting. 100% of the shares will vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant; provided that if the reporting person's employment is terminated without cause prior to the vesting date, 10% will vest if such termination occurs prior to the first anniversary of the date of grant, 20% will vest if such termination occurs on or after the first anniversary of the date of grant but prior to the second anniversary, and 30% will vest if such termination occurs on or after the second anniversary of the date of grant but prior to the third anniversary.
- Grant to the reporting person on August 23, 2007 of performance shares under the Plan. The performance shares are subject to vesting and will vest upon the achievement by Encore of certain financial goals.
- The option was granted under the Plan and vests in three equal annual installments on the anniversary of the date of grant, commencing on August 23, 2008.

/s/ Robin R. Pruitt, Attorney-in-Fact for J. Brandon Black 08/27/2007

** 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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