

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LEMOND ALEXANDER</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.</u> <u>8875 AERO DRIVE, #200</u> (Street) <u>SAN DIEGO CA 92123</u> (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 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/20/2005</u>	
	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 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	12/20/2005		s		1,127	D	\$16.65	43,254	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		773	D	\$16.66	42,481	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		2,200	D	\$16.67	40,281	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		600	D	\$16.68	39,681	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		2,179	D	\$16.69	37,502	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		1,500	D	\$16.7	36,002	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		200	D	\$16.72	35,802	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		1,300	D	\$16.73	34,502	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		1,200	D	\$16.74	33,302	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		3,900	D	\$16.75	29,402	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		2,600	D	\$16.76	26,802	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		700	D	\$16.77	26,102	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		500	D	\$16.78	25,602	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		1,100	D	\$16.8	24,502	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		1,000	D	\$16.81	23,502	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		63	D	\$16.84	23,439	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		1,000	D	\$16.85	22,439	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		4,737	D	\$16.86	17,702	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		1,300	D	\$16.87	16,402	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		300	D	\$16.88	16,102	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		700	D	\$16.9	15,402	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		200	D	\$16.91	15,202	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		200	D	\$16.92	15,002	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		1,406	D	\$16.93	13,596	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		600	D	\$16.94	12,996	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2005		s		1,100	D	\$16.95	11,896	D	

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

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