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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

			or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940					
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
LEMOND ALEXANDER			. ,	X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, INC.		,	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2005	Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
8875 AERO DRIVE, #200			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
(Street)				X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
SAN DIEGO	CA	92123		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date,	3. Transaction		4. Securities			5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
	(Month/Day/Year)	if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (5)			Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Ta Date (Month/Day/Year)	He PenBeriva Execution Date, if any (e.g., p -(Month/Day/Year)	titye S Transa Utsele(1 8)	ecuri action pasts,	tiesu of Volition Secu Acqu (A) of Disposof (D) (Instr	rities ired osed	ifeatesker Expiration of Quatembsyrt	ig sec reti, aanvertib	DA Beneficial Amount of Secondistities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Explanation	of Respons	es:				of (D) (Instr and 5	. 3, 4		/s/	Robin R. Prui	tt, Attorney	in 12/21/200		
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^{*} If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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