FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
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	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
BLACK J BRANDON	ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ECPG]	X Director 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 8875 AERO DRIVE, #200	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/25/2010	X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President & CEO
(Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92123	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
(City) (State) (Zip)		

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	02/25/2010[(1)]		A		25,000	A	$0	147,900	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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	$17.9	02/25/2010		A		50,000		[(2)]	02/25/2020	Common Stock	50,000	$0	50,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Grant to the reporting person on February 25, 2010 of restricted stock units ("RSUs") under the Encore Capital Group, Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan. Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Encore's common stock upon settlement. The RSUs are subject to vesting and vest in annual installments over a three-year period, with one-third vesting on March 9, 2011, one-third vesting on March 9, 2012 and the remaining one-third vesting on March 9, 2013.

2. The option vests in annual installments over a three-year period, with one-third vesting on March 9, 2011, one-third vesting on March 9, 2012 and the remaining one-third vesting on March 9, 2013.

/s/ Florentino Zamora, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Brandon Black	03/01/2010
** 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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