

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Grinberg Paul</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 3111 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SUITE 103 (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92108 (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 <u>President, International</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/17/2018	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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	01/17/2018		M ⁽¹⁾		3,333	A	\$22.17	215,958	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		17,406	D	\$40.77 ⁽²⁾	198,552	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		1,367	D	\$41.46 ⁽³⁾	197,185	D	
Common Stock	01/17/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		464	D	\$40.77 ⁽²⁾	1,036	I	PG Mountain Ventures LLC
Common Stock	01/17/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		36	D	\$41.46 ⁽³⁾	1,000	I	PG Mountain Ventures LLC

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)	\$22.17	01/17/2018		M			3,333	(4)	04/06/2022	Common Stock	3,333	\$0	6,667	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 24, 2017 as part of the reporting person's financial planning to diversify his stockholdings.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$40.30 to \$41.25, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Encore Capital Group, Inc., any security holder of Encore Capital Group, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$41.30 to \$41.55, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Encore Capital Group, Inc., any security holder of Encore Capital Group, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- The option vested in three equal installments on March 9, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Remarks:

/s/ Greg Call, Attorney-in-Fact 01/17/2018
for Paul Grinberg

** 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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