

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>MESDAG WILLEM</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>10100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD</b> <b>SUITE 925</b>  (Street) <b>LOS ANGELES CA 90067</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC [ ECPG ]</b>	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) <b>03/01/2017</b>	
		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	03/01/2017		A		1,274 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$32.17	40,272	D	
Common Stock								1,332,036	I	RMP - See Footnote and Remarks <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock								54,600	I	RMCP - See Footnote and Remarks <sup>(3)</sup>

**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)		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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

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**Explanation of Responses:**

- Grant to Willem Mesdag, for service on the Issuer's board of directors, of deferred stock units under the terms of a non-employee director deferred compensation plan established under the 2013 Incentive Compensation Plan. Deferred stock units will be converted into shares of Issuer common stock on a one-for-one basis upon distribution. The distribution of shares of common stock will occur within 10 business days following the date Mr. Mesdag is no longer a member of the Issuer's Board of Directors.
- These shares are held directly by Red Mountain Partners, L.P. ("RMP").
- These shares are held directly by Red Mountain Capital Partners, LLC ("RMCP").

**Remarks:**

This Form 4 is jointly filed by (i) RMP, (ii) RMCP GP LLC ("RMCP GP"), (iii) RMCP, (iv) Red Mountain Capital Management, Inc. ("RMCM") and (v) Mr. Mesdag. RMCP GP is the general partner of RMP. RMCP is the managing member of RMCP GP. RMCM is the managing member of RMCP. Mr. Mesdag is the president, sole executive officer, sole director and sole shareholder of RMCM. Each of Mr. Mesdag and RMCM, by virtue of their direct or indirect control of RMCP, may be deemed to beneficially own some or all of the securities reported as being held by RMCP. Each of Mr. Mesdag, RMCM, RMCP and RMCP GP, by virtue of their direct or indirect control of RMP, may be deemed to beneficially own some or all of the securities reported as being held by RMP. Each of the Reporting Persons hereunder disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein. This Form 4 shall not be deemed to be an admission that any Reporting Person hereunder is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Section 16"), or the beneficial owner of any of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

/s/ Willem Mesdag (on behalf  
of himself and the Other  
Reporting Persons) 03/01/2017

\*\* 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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