

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>BLACK J BRANDON</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 8875 AERO DRIVE, #200  (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92123  (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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>President &amp; CEO</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2010	
	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	03/26/2010		G	V	7,388	D	\$0	136,233	D	
Common Stock	03/26/2010		G	V	7,388	A	\$0	7,388 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By The Black Family Trust
Common Stock	05/19/2010		M		13,125	A	\$0.51	149,358	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2010		s <sup>(2)</sup>		13,125	D	\$20.7 <sup>(3)</sup>	136,233	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)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$0.51	05/19/2010		M		13,125	(4)	09/11/2012	Common Stock	13,125	\$0	165,208	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- These 7,388 shares were previously owned directly and were contributed by Mr. Black to The Black Family Trust as of March 26, 2010.
- The sale reported was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 7, 2010.
- The shares were sold in multiple transactions on May 19, 2010 at per share prices ranging from \$20.45 to \$20.93, inclusive. The price reported reflects the weighted average sale price for the transactions. The reporting person undertakes to supply the Staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request.
- The shares became exercisable as to 69,445 shares on May 3, 2005, and as to 69,444 shares on each of May 3 2006 and September 11, 2007 and are fully vested.

/s/ Florentino Zamora, Jr.,  
Attorney-in-Fact for J. Brandon Black 05/21/2010

\*\* 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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